



MARSAR FILE

78/\* 1205

## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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1978

AREA

VH-DSJ

~~ACFT.  
(MS/ARW/RO/NAVAL)~~

## AREA

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Light Aircraft Overdue King Island

CHART PA/AUS 789

## CLASSIFICATION

Former Papers		Archival Action		Later Papers	
Folio No.	Referred to and Date	Cleared	Folio No.	Referred to and Date	Cleared
		Initials and Date			Initials and Date
				Radio Prod	
				No Survivors	
				No of Lives Lost	

BROADCAST MESSAGES						SEARCHES AND RESULTS	
CRS	Type	DTG	Big/Small Ship	Interval	Cancelled	AIR SEARCH PLANNED	Yes/ No
VIM	XXX	210948Z	RTG/RTF	1/2 HRY	AMENDED	AIR SEARCH CARRIED OUT	Yes/No
VIM	XXX	211958Z	RTG/RTF	1/2 HRY	212152Z	AIR SEARCH SUCCESSFUL	Yes/No
VIM	XXX	212152Z	" "	" "	AMENDED	SEA SEARCH PLANNED	Yes/No
VIM	LQ	220434Z	" "	2 HRY	221904Z	SEA SEARCH CARRIED OUT	Yes/No
VIM	XXX	230213Z	" "	4 HRY	AMENDED	SEA SEARCH SUCCESSFUL	Yes/No
VIM	XXX	221904	—do—	24 HRY	230213Z		
VIM	XXX	231900	—do—	4 HRY	232328		
						* Delete as required.	

SAR PHASE			
Type	AFTN Address	Declared	Cancelled
DETRESFA	by AMMLYU		150900

CO-ORDINATION	
FILE RAISED BY	✓/b
INITIAL CO-ORD.	Soc MELB.
MOC ASSUMED CO-ORD	
CO-OPD PASSED TO	

INCIDENT OPENED 21 / 10 / 1978

INCIDENT CLOSED 25/10/1978.

MARSAR No. 78/1205

SHIP'S NAME VH - DSJ

ACFT.  
NSW POLICE/NATIONAL

INCIDENT TITLE LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE AT KING ISLAND.

POSITION

TIME

REPORTED BY SOC MELBOURNE 033392476

THROUGH

AUTHORITIES INVOLVED

CRS VIM

POLICE KI 004-621211, 024 AD(SO) VIC, TAS.

DEFENCE DFGNAR DEFENCE HOBART, 024, Lakes Entrance.

## OTHER CONTACTS

Tlx/Ph. No.

Tlx/Ph. No.

1. GRAHAM OLIVER 004-621368 9. RE BELAMARA / VM 4076
2. HTM CURRIE 004-621493 10. BRISBANE TRADE/WAV
3. SMITHTON - TAS Seafoods 004- 521496 11. IRON WEAVER / VRBD MOLAND / VM 2627
4. NANCY HEATH / VMNH 12. Goliath / VKGH PISCESIS / VK 3648
5. RE BELAMARA / VM 4076 13. MONARCH / VLKH MARY HOLYMAN / GOSS
6. Ree MELBOURNE 03 3384450 14. NOAERA / ZMST
7. 3384470 15. SAFOCAN ALBANY / ZTEW
8. NANCY HEATH 16. BOTANY CHEMIST / BM44 CAPE OTWAY Lighthouse  
NAUTILUS / VM 4729  
HELEN S / VM 4774

## DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL

NAME

REG/SAIL No.

RADIO C/S

TYPE

LENGTH

TONNAGE

SPEED

COLOUR: HULL

DECK

SUPERSTRUCTURE

FUNNEL/SAILS

HULL MATERIAL

ENGINE TYPE

FUEL

RANGE

REMARKS

## SAFETY AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT (If 'YES', insert details)

ANCHOR

YES/NO

LIFEBOOYS

YES/NO

FLARES

YES/NO

EPIRB

YES/NO

DINGHY

YES/NO

FOOD

YES/NO

LIFERAFT

YES/NO

WATER

YES/NO

LIFEJACKETS

YES/NO

OTHER

YES/NO

RADIO

YES/NO

FREQS

## PERSONS ON BOARD

Age

Sex

Address

Phone No.

1.

(Skipper)

2.

3.

4.

5.

## VOYAGE DETAILS

DEPARTED

DTG

DESTINATION

ETA

INTERMEDIATE PORTS AND TIMES

CONTACTS

Address

Phone No.

OWNER/AGENT

NEXT OF KIN

OTHER

## NARRATIVE:

## LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE AT KING ISLAND.

1. Airways Operations Melbourne advised that a Distress phase had been initiated on a Cessna 182 overdue at King Island on a flight from Moorabbin to King Island. The aircraft had reported a rough running engine prior to communications being lost.
2. An urgency message was passed to VIM for transmission requesting sighting and hearing reports. AUSREP was checked and the vessel NANCY HEATH/VKNN was thought to be in the vicinity. VIM was asked to contact the vessel.
3. SOC AMML advised that the aircraft was probably overland when the trouble began. Nancy Heath was not employed at this stage until the aircraft's position could be confirmed.
4. Eight vessels answered the XXX message but only Nancy Heath was in an immediately useful position. Four of these vessels were released immediately but the others were not as they could enter the area later "Nancy Heath" which had offered to assist was requested to proceed down the aircraft's intended track to 5 miles from Cape Wickham Light and if nothing sighted to resume its course.
5. SOC AMML said the aircraft reported seeing things (perhaps a UFO) shortly after departing Cape Otway at 0903Z and requested all work out the drift about the northern tip of King Island. ACSC advised that normally only the sea current given as SMC worked out the rest. As SOC seemed unsure of procedures ACSC agreed to provide Seacurrent and wind current calculations after clarifying with the SOC. The target, the estimated splash point, the wind velocity and the proposed search datum time. This unusual procedure was explained later by the SOC and who thought ACSC had a computer that provided all these answers!! SOC ALSO requested ACSC to ask local fishing boats for sighting/hearing reports.
6. A King Island cray fisherman, Mr Graham Oliver advised that all fishing boats had finally departed the subject area the day before.
7. The xxx message was suspended overnight as it had been sufficiently promulgated.
8. SOC AMML amended the splash point by 22 miles at 211418Z. Advised him to use a Sea Current/Wind Current sector of 100/6 NM at 212000Z.
9. This new splash point was close to Victoria so it was suggested that ACSC that D24 be informed in order to alert Victorian fish coops. ACSC undertook to advise D24. ACSC advised Police Hobart and D24 of situation by telephone and telex.

10. The urgency message was reinstated at first skeds.
11. "Nancy Heath" reported a negative result to her search and a strong easterly drift in the area.
12. An Orion aircraft and crayfish boats from King Island commenced searching at first light. Search vessels were requested to search for a survivor or wreckage on a drift line of 100 degrees from splashpoint.
13. Orion reported an oil slick in position 3920Z 14404E and a CQ was broadcast on RTG/RTF seeking vessels able to detain a sample.
14. The fishing vessel NOMAD/W2E remained in the position of the oil slick which appeared to come from a stationary source.
15. RCC AMML requested submarine drift. This information was provided from many sources but the indication was that there would be no net flow through Bass Strait in the prevailing weather conditions.
16. A number of reports of a fast moving brilliant white light were received from various parts of the country. Mt Stromlo Observatory advised that the night of the 21st was the peak of the meteorite stream with 10-15 sightings per hour achieved.
17. The "Nomad" collected an oil sample and cooperated with the Orion in investigating its contacts.
18. The Urgency message was cancelled at 232328Z but the air search continued.
19. A CQ requesting vessels to recover if possible two objects off Apollo Bay was broadcast at 240445Z.
20. A SURPIC for the area for 240700Z was provided.
21. At 250900Z the search for the aircraft was terminated with no sightings of aircraft, wreckage or body made despite intensive search in a small area.
22. As a postscript to this mystery, wreckage was reported off Lakes Entrance, checked by police but was not relevant to this search. The pilot's father believed that a UFO had taken his son and would re him later. The accident received wide newspaper and television cover because of the UFO connection.
23. Incident closed.

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31 JAN 1979

A.S. (Finance Branch)  
CANBERRA

Bass Strait Search for Missing Aircraft -  
Charter of Fishing Vessels.

Three Treasury Vouchers are hereby forwarded for payment. The Vouchers are for the charter of three fishing vessels, the HELEN D, BALAMARA and NAUTILUS 1. The vessels carried out a surface search for the missing aircraft in the Bass Strait area on 22 October 1978.

2. The charter was authorised by the Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre and it is requested that appropriate accounting and payment action be taken.

*WP*  
(W.M. Blumenfeld)  
for FAS (CSD)

*Not within  
scope of  
request*



AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

AUSTRALIAN SHIP REPORTING SYSTEM AND SAR ORGANISATION  
QUESTIONNAIRE OF SHIPS PARTICULARS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Year Built \_\_\_\_\_

If name changed, previous name and call sign \_\_\_\_\_

GROSS TONNAGE \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_ SPEED \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF VESSEL \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF ENGINE \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CREW \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF PASSENGERS (IF ANY) \_\_\_\_\_ DR. CARRIED  
Yes/No\*

PORT AND NATION OF REGISTRY \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

TOTAL NUMBER OF LIFEBOATS \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF MOTORISED LIFEBOATS \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER AND CAPACITY OF INFLATABLE LIFE RAFTS \_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_ MAN, \_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_ MAN,  
\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_ MAN,

RADIO EQUIPMENT

W/T Main Transmitter Freq. (M/F & H/F) \_\_\_\_\_

W/T Reserve/Emergency TX Freq. \_\_\_\_\_

R/T Main Transmitter Freq. \_\_\_\_\_ VHF Channel 16

R/T Emergency Transmitter Freq. \_\_\_\_\_ (156.8M<sub>2</sub>) Yes/No\*

Lifeboat/Life raft Transmitter Freq. \_\_\_\_\_ EPIRB Yes/No\*

Radio Watch Keeping Hours \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER/CHARTERER \_\_\_\_\_

MAIN AUSTRALIAN AGENTS \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU RECEIVE COPIES OF NAVAUS MESSAGES YES/NO\*

DO YOU RECEIVE WEAPONS PRACTICES NOTICES YES/NO\*

DO YOU HOLD ON BOARD ANNUAL SUMMARY OF AUSTRALIAN NOTICES TO

MARINERS YES/NO\*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Master

\* Delete whichever not applicable.



# MINUTE

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31 JAN 1979

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CANBERRA

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(W.M. Blumenfeld)  
for FAS (CSD)

P.D. 11  
TELEPHONE 36 1101  
G.P.O. BOX 308 C  
HOBART 7001 HRP:GJB  
FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT  
MR. Plummer



## TASMANIA POLICE

Our Reference AV 63/78  
Your Reference .....

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
80 ELIZABETH STREET  
HOBART

4th January, 1979.

Mr. David Simmonds,  
Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre,  
Department of Transport,  
P.O. Box 367,  
CANBERRA.  
A.C.T. 2601

### Bass Strait Search for Missing Aircraft

Attached for your information and attention are three Treasury Vouchers for a combined cost of \$1,838.45. The costs were incurred during a search for a Cessna aircraft piloted by Frederick Valentich which went missing on a flight from Moorabbin, Victoria to King Island on the 21st October, 1978.

Statements are also enclosed by the persons who undertook the search following a telephone call from your office at approximately 9.00 p.m. on Saturday, the 21st October, 1978.

*D. Finch*  
(D. Finch)  
ACTING SECRETARY

Enclosure

(desc. FWA)

A4B  
P.D. 41  
TELEPHONE 38 1101  
G.P.O. BOX 308 C  
HOBART 7001 HCR.LM  
FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT  
MR. Rainbird



## TASMANIA POLICE

Our Reference ... AV 63/78 ~  
Your Reference .....

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
80 ELIZABETH STREET  
HOBART

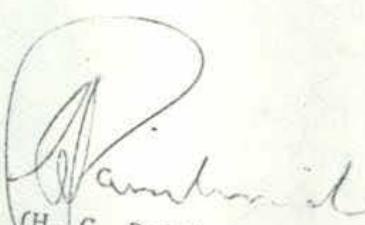
21st December, 1978

The Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
HOBART.

### Search Carried out for Missing Aircraft

The three attached Treasury Vouchers for a combined cost of \$1,838.45 is forwarded for your information and consideration please in transmitting the file to the Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre for consideration of having the vouchers paid for.

The costs were incurred during a search for a Cessna aircraft piloted by Frederick Valentich which went missing on a flight from Moorabbin, Victoria to King Island on 21st October, 1978. To date, no evidence has been obtained to indicate what happened to the plane or pilot during the flight mentioned.

  
(H. C. Rainbird)

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE  
(OPERATIONS)



TASMANIA POLICE

My Reference ..... RHL:CF  
Your Reference .....

V/L 78

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:  
Superintendent's Office,  
North West 10,  
BURNIE.

18th December, 1978.

Commissioner of Police,  
HOBART.

Sir,

Search carried out for missing aircraft

The attached treasury vouchers (3) for a combined cost of \$1,838.45 is forwarded for information and transmission to the Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre for consideration as to payment.

I consider the amounts claimed to be reasonable. The costs were incurred during a search for a Cessna aircraft piloted by Frederick Valentich, which went missing on a flight from Moorabbin, Victoria to King Island on the 21st October, 1978.

J. Nichols  
A/ Superintendent

AV-63/78

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A/C(0)

Office to Charge.  
Treasurer,  
Division No. 10.

*JK* Davis  
(T. P. W. H.)  
1/2 double. 1000  
charge.

TASMANIA



POLICE

FILE NUMBER

05051

District	Division	Station
North - Western	No. 10.	CURRIE.

Date

5th DEC 1978.

SUBJECT:

RE: Search Carried Out For Missing Aircraft.

Sir,  
I enclose fully report on search carried out for missing aircraft on King Island on the 22nd of October 1978 by three (3) fishing boats, The HELIN D, The NAUTILUS 1 and the BALAMARA.

On Monday the 4th of December 1978 the three owners of the above mentioned boats came to the Currie Police Station to make a declaration in relation to costs incurred by them during the search and to apply for Re-imbursement.

I obtained a statement from each of the three owners in relation to their expenses, I also listed their respective costs on treasury vouchers which are attached. Costs incurred were as follows.

Graham John OLIVER.  
HELIN D.

Fuel.

Wages of Deckhand.	27.00
Personal & running cost.	100.00
Estimated loss of catch.	260.00
Total.	300.00
	<u>687.00</u>

John Thomas HENDERSON.  
BALAMARA.

Fuel.

Wages of Deckhand.	27.00
Personal & running cost.	100.00
Estimated loss of catch.	292.50
Total.	150.00
	<u>569.50</u>

Donald Hugh BOWLING.  
NAUTILUS 1.

Fuel.

Wages of Deckhand.	39.45
Personal & running cost.	100.00
Estimated loss of catch.	292.50
Total.	150.00
	<u>581.95</u>

Total combined cost of the three boats. 1738.45.

Please find attached relevant statements together with Voucher for each of the abovementioned costs.

Forwarded for information and transmission please.

TASMANIA



POLICE

Date... 4/12/78

## STATEMENT

Name of Witness	OLIVER	Graham John
Address	Surname (in capitals)	Christian Names
Occupation	P.O. BOX 237, Currie, King Island.	Age. 38 (8/12/39.)

**States-** At about 9 pm on Saturday the 21st of October 1978, I received a phone call from Marine Operations, CANBERRA, I was requested to organize some boats to carry out a sea rescue search North of Cape Wickham, King Island for a missing Light Aircraft.

I then organized three of the largest boats on the Island one of which is my own to commence a sea search early on the morning of Sunday the 22nd of October 1978. I also received a second phone call on the 21st of October from Melbourne confirming that the boats would be required for the search.

At 5.30 am on the morning of Sunday the 22nd of October 1978 I left Currie Harbour in my boat the HELEN D together with Hugh BOWLING on the NAUTULIS 1 and John HENDERSON on the BALAMARA and travelled to the North Western tip of King Island and for the next 13 hours we carried out a search of the surrounding area for the missing plane.

There were two persons on my vessel Daniel Scott my deck hand and myself. I would estimate that the vessel used approximately 180 litres of diesel fuel during the course of the search. I would also estimate a loss for a bag of Crays valued at about 300 dollars, other costs incurred were that of my deckhand whom I paid the sum of 100 dollars for the days search. Also I estimated my cost and other running expenses to be about 20 dollars per hour.

After completing a thorough search of the areas directed to us by Melbourne radio we all returned to Currie harbour just as darkness was falling it was approximately 6.30 pm.

Graham Oliver.

Statement taken at Currie Police Station at 4 pm on Monday the  
4th of December 1978.  
( I.R.DAVIS.)  
1/C Constable. No. 1049.

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by Claimant  
ed by Department  
arding Cheque)

# STATE OF TASMANIA

TREASURY VOUCHER N

Dr. to

Graham John OLIVER

(Name in block letters)

P. . Box 237, Currie, King Island.

(Full postal address in block letters)

I hereby authorize the Treasurer to pay the amount of this Claim to (Name and full postal address) —

Claimant's Special  
Instruction regarding  
Payment if desired.

FINANCIAL YEAR,  
19 78 / 79

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY.

Minister's General  
Authority Dated

Stores Order No.

Reference No. or Ledger A/c.

Goods Received  
Recorded on Plant or  
Equipment Inventory

Services Rendered

Calculations, Additions

Authorized by

Available

ed Dept'l Ledgers

of Supply, or  
F&F Service,

DEPARTMENT  
Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre.

HEAD OF SERVICE.

Signature

\$

c

Total

AMOUNT

\$

c

27

00

100

00

260

00

300

00

00.

PARTICULARS

cents.

\$

687

00

(Signature of Claimant)

Certified Correct, Recorded, and Funds Available.

(Certifying Officer or Head of Department)

Date Paid

TASMANIA



POLICE

Date 4/12/78

## STATEMENT

Name of Witness	HENDERSON Surname (in capitals)	John Thomas Christian Names
Address	Post Office, Currie, King Island.	
Occupation	Fisherman.	
Age	35 (3/6/43)	

## States-

At 5.30 am on the morning of Sunday the 22nd of October 1978 I left Currie Harbour in my boat the BALAMARA to assist in a search for a missing aircraft North West of King Island. There were two other boats with me the NAUTILUS 1 and the HELEN D.

There were only two persons on my boat my deckhand Thelma CRANE and myself. I would estimate the vessel used about 180 litres of fuel during the days search. I would also estimate a loss of 1 bag of crays during the day as I was able to work a few pots on the return trip to Currie Harbour. I also incurred a cost of 100 dollars in wages for my deckhand. I would estimate my personal and sundry running costs for the days search at about \$22.50 per hour for the 13 hour search.

After completing the search I returned to Currie Harbour at darkness.

Statement taken at Currie Police Station on  
Monday the 4th of December 1978, at 5pm.  
(I.R.DAVIS.)  
1/C Constable. No. 1049.

*John T. Henderson*  
John T. HENDERSON.



TASMANIA



POLICE

Date 4/12/78

## STATEMENT

Name of Witness	BOWLING: Surname (in capitals)	Hugh (Donald) Christian Names
Address	Box 130, Currie, King Island.	
Occupation	Fisherman	Age 39 (20/6/39.)

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There were only two persons on my vessel Raymond BOWLING my deckhand and myself. I would estimate the vessel used about 263 litres of diesel fuel during the 13 hour search. I would also estimate a loss of a bag of Crays during the day as I was able to work a few of my pots on the return trip from the search area. I also incurred a cost for my deckhand of 100 dollars for the days search and also personal and sundry expenses of about \$22.50 per hour.

After completing a complete search of the directed areas I in company with the other two boats return to Currie harbour at approximately 6.30pm. I did not follow the other two boats all the way to the harbour but stopped to pick up some pots north of Currie.

D.H. BOWLING.

Statement taken at Currie Police Station at 4.35 pm on  
Monday 4/12/78/  
(I.R.DAVIS.)  
1/C Constable. No. 1049.



## STATE OF TASMANIA

TREASURY VOUCHER N

Dr. to Donald Hugh BOWLING.  
(Name in block letters)  
P.O. BOX 130 Currie, King Island.  
(Full postal address in block letters)

I hereby authorize the Treasurer to pay the amount of this Claim to (Name and full postal address) —

**Claimant's Special  
Instruction regarding  
Payment if desired.**

**Signature**

mounting to

Hundred and Eighty One dollars Ninety Five. cents.

(Signature of Claimant)

NIGHT

Certified Correct Recorded and Funds Available

Date Paid



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO

SOC Melbourne

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

18/2 921 - 938

CO-ORDINATOR

78/1205

JFB

## TEXT:

What height was a/cft reporting sightings  
a/cft under water  
below 5000. Saw it once orbited  
but could not sight again due rough  
 seas.

SOC has doubts but has briefed  
aircraft to keep lookout.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 NOV 21 249

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM ~~TO~~ Soc MELB.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

16/2 899 - 908

78/1205

AB

TEXT:

Report for a/cft cover - King I

Saw underwater object like aircraft.

39°18'5 S 144°36'E

Check. Depth & underwater rocks etc pls?

Nil marked on chart. Depth 30 fathoms approx.

OK Ths

Judy,  
Put on Marsar File 78/1205

pls  
INWARDS

25 OCT 1978

OB  
TRANS AA31004  
TRANS AA30276

25/10/78

MINISTER  
SECRETARY

COPY FOR  
DEP SEC (AIR)  
FAS(AO)  
FAS(GF)  
FAS(FW)  
FAS(CS)  
SAS(AW)  
AS(OS)  
AS(GA)  
AS(SI) AIR LIQUIDE  
AS(ES)  
DIRECTOR P.R.  
DAM  
ADPR MELBOURNE  
DIRECTOR VIC/TAS

COPY TO  
FAS(AO)

FROM  
SCHOFIELD (FAS(AO))

SITREP 2 25 OCT 1978 1000

- MISSING CESSNA 182 VH-DSJ KING ISLAND AREA.
- SEARCH ACTIVITY FOR 24 OCT
  - 7 CIVIL AIRCRAFT SEARCHED AN AREA OF 5000 SQ. NM
  - DEBRIS SIGHTED CLOSE TO VICTORIAN COASTLINE AND DETAILS PASSED TO ACSC FOR INVESTIGATION BY MARINE CRAFT.
- TOTAL SEARCH HOURS TO DATE 62 HOURS 35 MINS.
- ANALYSIS OF OIL SAMPLE NOT YET AVAILABLE.
- SEARCH ACTIVITY FOR 25 OCT
  - 1 CIVIL AIRCRAFT CARRYING OUT DETAILED SEARCH WITHIN 24 NM OF DATUM
  - APPROXIMATELY 8 HOURS OF FLYING REQUIRED
  - INTENDED THAT ACTIVE SEARCH OPERATIONS CEASE 1900 HOURS (EST) 25 OCT
  - AIRCRAFT AND SHIPPING TRANSITTING THE AREA WILL BE REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN LOOKOUT FOR POSSIBLE WRECKAGE
  - DEPARTMENTAL AERO COMMANDER WILL CARRY OUT RANDOM BEACH SEARCHES LATER IN THE WEEK.



SENT: 251157 A E S T \*  
TRANS AA31004  
TRANS AA30276

*AWARDS*

24 OCT 1978

VIS

TRANS AA31004  
TRANS AA30499

24/10/78

MINISTER  
SECRETARY

COPY FOR  
DEP SEC(AIR)  
FAS(AO)  
FAS(GF)  
FAS(FW)  
FAS(CS)  
SAS(AW)  
AS(OS)  
AS(GA)  
AS(SI) AIR LIQUIDE  
AS(ES)  
DIRECTOR P.R.  
DAM  
ADPR MELBOURNE  
DIRECTOR W.A.

COPY TO  
FAS(AO)

FROM  
SCHOFIELD (FAS(AO))

SITREP 1 24 OCT 1000

- FURTHER TO INITIAL NOTIFICATION BY AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATION BRANCH RE MISSING CESSNA 150 VH-DSJ.
- SEARCH ACTIVITY ON NIGHT OF 21 OCT CONSISTED OF
  - 3 SORTIES ALONG VH-DSJ INTENDED TRACK
  - 1 SHIP TRACKED THROUGH AREA
  - KING ISLAND POLICE CHECKED FOR UNUSUAL SIGHTING OR HEARING REPORTS
  - NIL SIGHTING OR HEARING.

SEARCH 22 OCT

- 1 AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT LAND SEARCH OF KING ISLAND
- 1 AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT COASTAL SEARCH
- 1 RAAF ORION CARRIED OUT DETAILED SEARCH OF PROBABLE MARITIME AREA
- 3 VESSELS SEARCHED WEST COAST AND ISLANDS OFF KING ISLAND
- OIL SLICK SIGHTED IN SEARCH AREA

SEARCH 23 OCT

- 2 CIVIL AIRCRAFT INCLUDING G.A.F. NOMAD AND ONE RAAF ORION CONTINUED SEARCHING
- VESSEL "NOMAD" INVESTIGATED OIL SLICKS AND DEBRIS SIGHTED BY SEARCH AIRCRAFT
- CONFIRMED DEBRIS NOT FROM AIRCRAFT
- SAMPLE OF OIL SLICKS COLLECTED FOR ANALYSIS.
- SEARCH OPERATIONS CONTINUING.

SENT

SENT:- 241233 A E S T ♦  
TRANS AA31004  
TRANS AA30499

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2. An urgency message was passed to VIM for transmission requesting sighting and hearing reports. AVSEC was called and the vessel Nancy Heath / VKN H was thought to be in the vicinity. VIM was asked to contact the vessel.
3. Sol AMNL advised that the aircraft was probably overland when the trouble began. Nancy Heath was not employed at this stage until the aircraft's position could be confirmed.
4. Eight vessels answered the XXX message but only 'Nancy Heath' was in an immediately useful position. Four of these vessels were released immediately ~~but~~ and the others were not as they would enter the area later. 'Nancy Heath' which had offered to assist was requested to proceed down the aircraft's intended track to 5 miles from Cape Wickham light and if nothing sighted to resume its course.
5. Sol AMNL said the aircraft reported seeing things <sup>perhaps</sup> shortly after departing Cape Olway at 0903Z and requested we work out the drift about the northern tip of King Island. ASL advised that normally only the sea current given as SMC works out the rest. As Sol seemed unsure of procedures ASL agreed to provide Beaufort and wind current calculations after clarifying with the SOL, the

NARRATIVE:

target, the estimated splash point, the wind velocity and the proposed search datum time. This unusual procedure was explained later by the SOL who thought ACSC had a computer that provides all these answers!! SOL also requested ACSC to ask local fishing boats for sighting/hearing reports.

6. A King Island crayfisherman, Mr Graham Oliver advised that all fishing boats had finally departed the subject area the day before.
7. The \*\*\* message was suspended overnight as it had been sufficiently promulgated.
8. SOL AMMC amended the splash point by 22 miles at 211418Z. Advised him to use a sea current/wind current vector of 100/6 nm at 212000Z
9. This new splash point was close to Mitterua so it was suggested by ACSC that D24 be informed in order to alert Mitterua fish traps. ACSC undertook to advise D24. ACSC advised Police Hobart and D24 of situation by telephone and telex.
10. The urgency message was reinstated at first skeds.
11. 'Nancy Heath' reported a negative result to her search and a strong easterly drift in the area.
12. On Queen aircraft and crayfish boats from King Island commenced searching at first light. Search vessels were requested to search for a survivor or wreckage on a drift line of 100 degrees from splash point
13. The Queen reported an oil slick in position 3900S 14404E and a CQ was broadcast on RTG/RTF seeking vessels able to obtain a sample.

NARRATIVE:

- 14 The fishing vessel NOMAD/WZC remained at the portion of the oil slick which appeared to come from a stationary source
- 15 REC AMMO reported submarine drift. This information was provided from Harvey Roads but the indication was that there would be no net flow through Bass Strait in the prevailing weather conditions
- 16 A number of reports of a fast moving brilliant white light were received from various parts of the country. Hobart Observatory advised that the night of the 21st was the peak of the meteorite stream with 10-15 sightings per hour achieved.
- 17 The "Nomad" collected an oil sample and cooperated with the Oria in investigating its contents
- 18 The Agency message was cancelled at 232328Z but the air search continued
19. A CQ requesting vessels to recover if possible two objects off Apollo Bay was broadcast at 240445Z
- 20 A SURPIE for the area for 240700Z was provided
- 21 At 250900Z the search for the aircraft was terminated with no sightings of aircraft, wreckage or body made despite intensive search in a small area.
- 22 As a postscript to this mystery, wreckage was reported off Lakes Entrance, checked by police but was not relevant to the search. The pilot's father believed that a UFO had taken his son and would return him later. The accident received wide newspaper and television coverage because of the UFO connection.
- 23 Incident closed. *if/Italy*



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

78 OCT 27 854

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Police Ops Melbourne AUTHORITY VICPOL

TEL. NO. 03 - 6620911. MARSAR NO. 78/1205.

TAPE REF. 0733-0762. CO-ORDINATOR PdD.  
16/1TEXT: No reply to our P 260742 Z  
What was outcome?

Sorry for not replying, his fault,  
oversight etc.

Wreckage turned out to be the  
kids from some crayfish boxes.

Do we want telex on that?  
No, OK, as long as we know.  
TVM.

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

78 OCT 26 816

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TOSOC AMML

AUTHORITY DOT

TEL. NO. -

MARSAR NO. 78/1205.

TAPE REF. 0601-0604.  
16/1

CO-ORDINATOR PdD.

TEXT: Wreckage picked up by  
Police, not yet identified.

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VKC AA30717  
ACSC AA62349

P 260742Z OCT 78  
FM ACSC CANBERRA  
TO POLICE OPS MELBOURNE  
INFO POLICE LAKES ENTRANCE ( D24 PLSE ON PASS )  
BT  
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MARSAR 78/1205 - LIGHT AIRCRAFT VH-DSJ MISSING BASS STRAIT  
A. ACSC P 232328Z OCT 78.  
1. REPORT RECEIVED FROM SOC MELBOURNE (TULLEMARINE)  
THAT AIRCRAFT VH-FYR HAS SIGHTED WRECKAGE 400 METRES OFF  
90 MILES BEACHES NEAR LAKES ENTRANCE IN A SOUTH EASTERLY  
DIRECTION FROM RAYMOND ISLAND AT 260705Z OCT 78.  
2. DESCRIPTION: 3 PIECES MEASURING 3FT x?6 4 FT, WHITE  
IN COLOUR. ONE PIECE MEASURING 2 FT BY 20 INCHES. ALL  
PIECES SEEM TIED TOGETHER OR FLOATING TOGETHER.  
3. LAKES ENTRANCE POLICE NOTIFIED ON BEHALF OF SOC MELBOURNE  
WITH REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE AND RECOVER IF POSSIBLE.  
LAKES ENTRANCE POLICE HAS INDICATED IMMEDIATE ACTION.  
4. OUTCOME OF INVESTIGATION TO BE REPORTED IN FIRST INSTANCE  
TO SOC MELBOURNE WITH COPY THIS CENTRE.  
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\* CORRECTION - LINE 2 SHLD READ MEASURING 3FT BY 4FT TKS  
SENT ONE FIN

VKC AA30717  
ACSC AA62349



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Lakes Entrance Pol. AUTHORITY Vic POL.  
TEL. NO. 051 - 551206. MARSAR NO. 78/1205.  
TAPE REF. 16/1 0568 - 0595 CO-ORDINATOR PdD.

TEXT: Gave details of wreckage  
sighting + Soc's phone No.

Can he see if it can be recovered?

Yes, will do.

TVM.

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

78 OCT 26 714

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM ~~TO~~ SOC AMML.

AUTHORITY D.O.T.

TEL. NO. —

MARSAR NO. 78/1205

TAPE REF. 0545 - 0568.  
16/1

CO-ORDINATOR PdD

TEXT: Fish spotter VM FYR  
Wreckage. at 07085.400 metres off 90 metre mile beach  
SE of Raymond Island.  
Lakes Entrance.3 pieces of 3' x 4' white.  
1 piece — 2 x 20"  
tied together. ↗

must have been low !!!

Can we send a boat out?  
Will contact local police.

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251029 AMHLYC~~250900Z~~

SITREP 5 VH-DSJ..... DAY 5 WED 250CT.

WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA GOOD WITH 20KTS N WIND SEA STATE SLIGHT SWELL.

SEARCH DETAILS.

ETV B58 FROM MOORABBIN IN 2 SORTIES COMPLETED THE SEARCH OF THE SEA AREAS WITHIN 3904S 14350E 3904S 14453E 3950S 14453E 3950S 14350E. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT WAS SIGHTED. THE COVERAGE FACTOR ACHIEVED TODAY WAS 1.0 AND POD 78PER CENT. AVERAGE COVERAGE FACTOR OF TO DATE 1.05 CUMULATIVE POD 97 PER CENT. THE LAND SEARCH OF KING ISLAND ON PREVIOUS DAYS RESULTED IN A COVERAGE FACTOR OF 0.5 AND CUMULATIVE POD 74PER CENT. FOR INFORMATION THE KING ISLAND COASTLINE HAS BEEN COMPLEELY SEARCHED TWICE AND THE NORTHERN HALF 4 TIMES. THE VICTORIAN COASTLINE WAS SEARCHED 6 TIMES FROM TORQUAY TO WARRNAMBOOL PLUS 3 TIMES CAPE OTWAY TO TORQUAY. SEARCH HOURS 25 OCT ETV 0920. PROGRESSIVE TOTAL 71.55.

DISTRESS PHASE CANCELLED AND SEARCH ACTION TERMINATED AT 250900.

INTENTIONS: A DOT ACFT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SEARCH PURPOSES FOR USE BY THE RCC/SOC ON SAT 28 OCT.

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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT

FINAL

1. MELBOURNE RCC ADVISE SEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT VH-DSJ  
TERMINATED. NIL FOUND.

2. THANKS FOR ALL ASSISTANCE GIVEN DURING SEARCH.

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ACSC AA62349

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/~~TO~~ SOC AMML

AUTHORITY DOT

TEL. NO. —

MARSAR NO. 78/1205.

TAPE REF. 0332 - 0344

CO-ORDINATOR PAB

16/1

TEXT: Search terminated.

Yes we got that and acknowledged.

Said that oil sample not yet known.

Search "suspended" as he calls it

Will probably be called "inconclusive".

He also dwelled shortly on the  
depth of Bass strait and a few  
other irrelevancies.

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CNL DETRESFA FOR VH-DSJ. SEARCH TERMINATED.

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ASSXYW ATTN SARO.  
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TOO 250900.  
CORRECTED COPY

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM 20 MT Shows 022

AUTHORITY VINCE FOON

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

41, 621 - 624

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TEXT:

He has St Speech.

They discussing if this man + one of his  
relatives Alters. Said bloke have obs 18/10/78  
enquiring into expected peak re meteorite  
activity. Spoke "American English as the foreign  
language"

Said it bloke planning to disseminate +  
wanted info - good way of doing it!

THANKED HIM FOR REPORT.

CONSIDER NFA 16.

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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT

A. ACSC 240445Z OCT - CQ BCAST

1. CANCEL CQ BCAST IN REF - AIR SEARCH CONTINUES

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO REC MEL

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

14/1 590

LJ.

TEXT: WINDS 4/5 SAME IN MELB APPROXIMATELY AT

250000. WINDS CANNOT BEING SENT.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM ~~10~~ REC REC

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE/REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

14/1 513 -590

~~W.D. AB.~~TEXT: SIRMAP 25 OUT.I a/c t NR K.I.  24 x 48.

REQUEST SURFIC 250000.

DRAFT. - WIND GENTLY UP FM NORTH. - SC SAND

? F/V FROM ABBY BAY - NO

VESSEL FM K.I. ALL TWO POUNDS

OIL SLICK ANALYSIS - POOR ON FIRST ANALYSIS.

UNLIKELY OIL TRACE.

INTERVIEW PROBABLY WASH UP TRASH

ONLY REASON NOT WRAPPED UP MARLICE

WAS WHEN SPENT SO MUCH TIME WITH  
OIL SLICK INVESTIGATION



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM  TO RCC MELB

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TYPE REF ID 233. 0244  
16/1 02444

CO-ORDINATOR

VJD

TEXT: Told them CQ on wreckage  
not heard due lateness at night  
Recommended relocation of wreckage  
this a.m. before diverting ships  
to look for it.

Rgr good idea will check  
with Sme when he comes in.

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ACSC DE VIM 2019Z

GM  
ARE WE TO CONT BCAST OF YR CQ 240445Z RE MARSAR 78/1205  
2 HRLY ?

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MELBSAR AA31591

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ACSC AA62553

GM OM DE ACSC REF MARSAR 78/1205CQ  
PLS HOLD BCAST FIR TIME BEING AS WE ARE GETTING UPDATED  
POSITION OF WRECKAGE BEFORE CONTINUING

OK FINE NOT MANY LSN YET ANIWAY X OUR SS SKED  
AT 0748

OK OM MY TKS CULTR

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SITREP 4 VH-DSJ

DAY 4 TUESDAY 24 OCT.

WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA GOOD WIND MODERATE NORTHERLY BECOMING LIGHT VARIABLE. CLOUD SCATTERED WITH SOME SHOWERS LATE AFTERNOON.  
SEARCH DETAILS.

DNS C172 CONTINUED SEARCH OF COASTAL AREAS OF NORTH KING ISLAND. A NOMAD AIRCRAFT FROM AVALON AND FIVE LIGHT TWINS FROM MOORABBIN COMPLETED THE SEARCH OF AN AREA ENCOMPASSED BY TORQUAY - 3902S 14450E - 4000S 14450E - 4000S 14410E - LAVINIA POINT - 3940S 14340E - 3915S 14340E - 3915S 14455E - CAPE FRANKLIN.

MUCH DEBRIS WAS SIGHTED BY THE AIRCRAFT OPERATING CLOSE TO THE VICTORIAN COASTLINE. MUCH COULD BE DISCOUNTED BUT POSITIONS OF POSSIBLY SIGNIFICANT WRECKAGE WERE PASSED AMSA CANBERRA FOR TRANSMISSION TO SHIPPING IN THE ABSENCE OF AVAILABLE LOCAL VESSELS. THE ANALYSIS OF THE OIL SAMPLE PICKED UP ON 23 OCT HAS YET TO BE RECEIVED. SEARCH HRS 24OCT GAF 1/5 0600 DNS 0149 ETV 0210 BOC 0313 RTO 0410 MBT 0406 MBQ 0342

TOTAL SEARCH HRS 24OCT 25.10 PROGRESSIVE TOTAL 62.35.

SEARCH DETAILS FOR 25OCT.

ETV IS TO MAKE A SEARCH OF AN AREA 24NM RADIUS OF COMPUTED DATUM 3928S 14421E, REQUIRING 8 SEARCH HRS.

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FOLLOWING DEBRIS SIGHTED

(A) TWO RECTANGULAR OBJECTS ONE WHITE AND ONE BLUE TWO FEET BY TWO FEET POSITION 143 DEG 58E 38 DEG 57S AT 0515Z 24 OCT

(B) YELLOW OBJECT ONE FOOT BY ONE FOOT POSITION 144 DEG 08E 38 DEG 43S AT 0650Z 24 OCT

NIL RECOVERY DUE LACK OF SURFACE CRAFT. REQUEST ADVISE SHIPPING IN AREA.

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MELBSAR AA31591  
ACSC AA62553

VIM DE ACSC

GE OM PLS SUSPEND CQ BCAST FOR THE NITE.

WE ARE NOT YET AWARE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR TOMORROW BUT WILL LET  
YOU KNOW ASAP OK?

OK W ILL DO

THANKS AND CUL OM

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SURPIC AS REQUESTED FOR 240700

NAME	CALLSIGN	POS	CSE	SPD	DESTINATION
MARYHOLYMAN	GOSS	4043S 14535E	315	12.5	AAAD
JEPARIT	VLGV	3754S 14007E	144	13.0	AMML
IRON SIRIUS	GVWE	3900S 14323E	096	14.0	ASSY
CAPE HAWKE	GOXV	3925S 14711E	270	14.0	AMML
LADY GAY	VLLG	3914S 13924E	090	4.0	
LADY RACHEL	VMRL	3914S 13924E	090	4.0	

## REMARKS:

VLLG AND VMRL BOTH TUGS TOWING VK2436 TO BASS STRAIT OIL PLATFORM AREA.

FOLLOWING FROM SIBOEN/JWXD:

POSITION 1600 LOCAL TIME CAPE OTWAY 138 DEG (T) 12 MILES OFF STOP  
NO WRECKAGE OR OIL SPILL SEEN STOP MASTER

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TRANSMI AA32900♦

ACSC AA62554

MARINE OPERATIONS  
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MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC

SIBOEN JWXD POSITION 1600 LOCAL TIME CAPE OTWAY 138 DEG 12 MILES  
OFF STOP NO WRECKAGE OR OIL SPILL SEEN

MASTER

(1600 138 12)

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ACSC AA62349



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM / TO RCC MEL

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

141 1477 -1507

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TEXT:

? AUSL SHIPPING.

SEARCH UPGRAD C ONGR TORQUAY  
40-50 MILE OFF COAST.

Apollo Bay NL AUSL.

AND ONLY CAT TRAFFIC

POLICE NO GOOD. -

AC IN AREA 6.

REQUEST SEARCH ANTHONY OK.

SEARCHING AGAIN SOMEWHERE,

SAY IF BODY SIGHTED AUSL US

+ WE WILL ALSO SHIPPING.

ONE FOR U PLS

MARINE SITUATION  
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2 HRLY UFN  
2. CQ DE VIM AUSTRALIA MELBOURNE APPROACHES  
AIRSEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT SIGHTED 2 OBJECTS APPROX  
4FT SQUARE IN APPROX POSITION 3847S 14400E AT 240430.  
VESSELS TRANSITTING AREA REQUESTED TO KEEP LOOKOUT  
REPORT FURTHER SIGHTINGS AND RECOVER IF POSSIBLE  
ACSC 240445Z OCT 78  
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MARINE DIVISION  
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ACSC AA62349

ARMY DE ACSC REQUEST RELAY OSCAR TO NAVY UNABLE TO GET DIRECT

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ACSC AA62349



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM / TO Rec Melb.  
TEL. NO.  
TAPE REF. 1438 - 1458

AUTHORITY

MARSAR NO.

CO-ORDINATOR GM

TEXT:

acft has sighted 2 objects in  
water off Wya river

1 blue one white

both about 4 ft square

They are trying to get intouch with  
Apollo Bay Fish Coop — can we  
alert any shipping in area altho  
acft did not see any

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ACSC AA62349

TRANSML AA32900ZCZC TLX135 240130

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FM 11SQN TO HQOC, COCOC, DEFAIR CANBERRA, DEFENCE CANBERRA, ACSC  
CANBERRA, OCC MELBOURNE, COCSC, AIRTPGP MELBOURNE, MARINE OPS  
CANBERRA, 92WG. STOP  
PART TWO OF TWO

CONTINUED WITH SQUARE SEARCH AND  
FOUND SOX OBJECTS IN THE WATER POSITION 3917SO 14406E5 AT 2301501.  
PASSED THIS INFORMATION TO NOMAD AND AS HE COULD NOT LOCATE THE  
OIL SLICKS HOMED HIM ONTO THE OBJECTS. ORBITTED THE DEBRIS UNTIL  
NOMAD REACHED THE AREA AT 230432Z4. NOMAD ADVISED US THAT THE  
DEBRIS WAS BOXES MOST PROBABLY FROM A SHIP. RESUMED SQUARE  
SEARCH AND RCC ADVISED US TO RELOCATE OIL SLICKS SO NOMAD COULD  
TAKE SAMPLES AT 230532Z5

PLACED SAR DATUM BUOY ON OIL SLICKS AS REQUESTED BY RCC.  
POSITION 3923S2 14357E0. HOMED NOMAD TO OIL SLICKS AND  
INVESTIGATED UNDERWATER OBJECT AT 230534Z7. IN POSITION  
3919S2 14354E7. CONTACT WAS ASSESSED BY NOMAD AS MARINE LIFE.  
TIME 230654Z0 RESUMED SQUARE SEARCH UNTIL OFF TASK AT 230800Z3.  
AREA SEACHED WAS 15NM RADIUS FROM 3925S9 14352E5.

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MSG ID/11SQN/PURPLE/05/OCT

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AREA/3845S0/14322E2/3845S0/14450E4/3948S4/14322E2

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WITH 2NM TRACK SPACING.

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YOUR MESSAGE 232253Z SIBOEN AT PRESENT STEERING 277 FOR  
CAPE OTWAY STOP IF QUUREEEEE U REQUIRE SHIP CAN STEER 270 AND ARRIVE  
REQUIRED AREA 1600 ROCAL TIME TODAY

MASTER

RGR PSE PASS OUR THANKS BUT NO DIVERSION REQUIRED PSE  
KEEP LOOKOUT FOR WRECKAGE OIL SLICKS ETC ACSC 232337Z

ALSO UIN VIEW OUR NEXT SKEDS AROUND 5 AND 7 PM THIS EVENING  
COULD WE BROADCAST CANCELLATION NOW PLS ?

NEG TKS OM PSE KEEP ON HAND FOR THE MOM WILL HAVE A CANCELLATION  
FOR U LATER

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE CANCELLATION BUT IT SAYS TO BE  
BROADCAST ON NEXT SKEDS IE AT 5 AND 7 PM APPROX  
THIS EVENING IN MEANTIME NO BROADCASTS OF XXX ???

SR1 JUST SEEN CANCELLATION OK OM PSE BCAST CANCELLATION NOW  
AS PER OFFICIAL CANCELLATION TKS

THE OFFICIAL ONE SAYS NEXT BIG SMALL SHIPS SKED OUR NEXT  
SMALL SHIPS SKED IN EEE IS AT 0333Z AND OUR NEXT SKED  
IE WEATHER ETC IS AT 0948 MGMT

RGR UNDERSTAND PSE BCAST CANCELLATION NOW AND AGAIN FOR SMALL SKED K  
OK MANI TKS

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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT.

SEA CURRENT DATA.

BEST AVBL INFO FROM PUBLICATIONS AND VESSEL REPORTS  
CONFIRM THAT CURRENT TO THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST OF  
KING ISLAND IS EASTERLY DECIMAL 5 KNOTS (12MPD).

SW DRIFT FROM AIRCRAFT DATUM BUOYS CONSIDERED TO BE  
A RESULT OF GREATER WIND DRIVEN SURFACE CURRENT  
(WINDS GENERALLY NE OVER LATER STAGES)

EASTERLY SEA CURRENT MAY BE INCREASED BY PERIOD OF  
WESTERLY WINDS.

TIDAL EFFECTS IN APPROX OIL SLICK POSITION SHOW A NORTH/  
SOUTH FLOW/EBB OF APPROX DECIMAL 75 KTS

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Lee MCL

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

141 389 - 435

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TEXT:

Cape Otway Cape Wilson over S. Current.

Discussed. over Buoy D127 S.W.

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SIBOEN JWXD SHIPS POSITION 3851SOUTH 14550 EAST PLEASE  
INDICATE IF XXX 78/1205 IS STILL IN FORCE STOP  
THIS VESSEL MIGHT PASS INDICATED POSITION  
IN THE AFTERNOON IF YOU REQUIRE US TO DO SO  
....MASTER

RGR PSE PASS FOLLOWING

SIBOEN/JWXD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR POSITION REPORT. AIR SEARCH STILL IN PROGRESS  
EEE IN PROGRESS. NO IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT FOR DIVERSION OR YOUR ASSIST  
SRI ASSISTANCE. REQUEST YOU ADVISE YOUR ETA AREA. REGARDS ACSC  
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OK WILL PASS IT ON

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FROM / TO JAPAN	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF. 141 325 - 362	CO-ORDINATOR LJ

TEXT:

Daily Survey

Base at Japan  
Honolulu Survey.

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PLACED SAR DATUM BUOY ON OIL SLICKS AS REQUESTED BY RCC. POSITION  
3923S2 14357E0. HOMED NOMAD TO OIL SLICKS AND INVESTIGATED UNDERWATER  
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DAY 3 MONDAY 23 OCT. WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA GOOD. MODERATE NE WIND  
MEDIUM SWELL, SCATTERED CLOUD.

FISHING VESSEL 'NOMAD' OBTAINED SAMPLES OF OIL. BEING FORWARDED TO  
MELBOURNE FOR ANALYSIS TUESDAY MORNING.

SEARCH DETAILS : DMU C150 COMPLETED LAND SEARCH OF KING ISLAND.  
GAF 1 (NOMAD) COMPLETED COASTAL SEARCH TORQUAY TO CAPE OTWAY  
TO WARRNAMBOOL AND RETURN. RESCUE 252 P3 COMPLETED A SEARCH OF  
15NM RADIUS BASED ON 39.25S 143.52E. THIS AREA WAS 25 PER CENT  
OF ALLOCATED SEARCH AREA AS REST OF TIME SPENT IN DIRECTING FISHING  
VESSEL 'NOMAD' TO INVESTIGATE OIL SLICKS AND OBJECTS IN WATER.

SEARCH HOURS 23 OCT. GAF 1 0305 DMU 0617 RESCUE 252 0813

TOTAL FOR DAY 17.35 PROGRESSIVE TOTAL 37.25

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OIL SLICKS AND KNOWN MOVEMENT OF THE SEA SURFACE SINCE DAY ONE TO  
THE AREA NORTH OF KING ISLAND. DMU C150 COASTAL SEARCH OF KING  
ISLAND. GAF 1 TO COVER AREA 39.15S 143.40E 39.15S 144.21E 39.40S  
144.21E 39.40S 143.40E

CORRECTED COPY (NOTE INCLUSION OF FURTHER CO-ORD 39.40S 144.21E)

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO SMC AMML  
TEL. NO. 03-3392476.  
TAPE REF. 1407-1414,  
13/2

AUTHORITY DOT  
MARSAR NO. 78/1205.  
CO-ORDINATOR PdD

TEXT: Rec still open?

No.

Seems one coordinate missing  
on fitrep No. 3, last line, or  
else is searcharea triangular?  
Will ring you back in morning, OK?  
No, want it now, as we have to  
prepare broadcast to shipping.  
OK, will call back.

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ARMY AA62053

OUT TLX 160/23 OCT 78

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TO RAYRMB/HQOC  
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RAYWPP/DEFAIR CANBERRA  
INFO RAYWYY/DEFENCE CANBERRA  
RAYWACK/ACSC CANBERRA  
RAYQC/OCC MELBOURNE  
RAYWCI/RCC MELBOURNE  
RAYQJG/COCSC  
RAYQCA/AIRTPGP MELBOURNE  
RAYWACX/MARINE OPS CANBERRA  
RAYUDA/92WG  
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UNCLAS  
MSGID/11SQN/PURPLE/05/OCT  
REF/HQOC/221132Z1/OCT/78/GREEN/05/OCT  
NISSN/COPS/SAR/VIS-RADAR SEARCH FOR AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE  
LAMP/NATIONAL COMMITMENT  
FORCE/11SQN/P3B//RESCUE 252

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PAGE 2 RAYAEG 499 UNCLAS  
TASK/AAED/222217Z6/222319Z9/230800Z3/230840Z7/AMES  
AREA/3845S0/14322E2/3845S0/14450E4/3948S4/14322E2  
AREA/3948S4/14450E4  
CREW//PC- FLTLT DAVIDSON/TC- FLTLT TARRY  
WEA/4/080/ST/090/10/H/AL005/340T/035K/NON/020T/07K  
WEA/2/220T/08FT/1021  
EXPEN/MK25 SMOKE/32/0//SS041/B/0//MK58 SMOKE/4/0  
EQMAL/RETRO GUN/222217Z6  
NARR/AT ON TASK TIME LOCATED SAR DATUM BUOY DROPPED BY RESCUE 251,  
IT HAS DRIFTED OVERNIGHT TO POSITION 3925S9 14351E4. TWO SMALL OIL  
SLICKS WERE SIGHTED 2NM NORTH WEST OF THIS BUOY. AT 230005Z STARTED  
EXPANDING SQUARE SEARCH FROM THIS DATUM AT 500FT WITH 2NM  
TRACK SPACING. AT 230132Z1 IN COPIES WITH NOMAD AND PASSED HIM  
POSITION OF OIL SLICKS. CONTINUED WITH SQUARE SEARCH AND FOUND  
SOX OBJECTS IN THE WATER POSITION 3917S0 1440S6E5 AT 230150Z1. PASSED  
THIS INFORMATION TO NOMAD AND AS HE COULD NOT LOCATE THE OIL SLICKS  
HOMED HIM ONTO THE OBJECTS. ORBITED THE DEBRIS UNTIL NOMAD REACHED  
THE AREA AT 230432Z4. NOMAD ADVISED US THAT THE DEBRIS WAS BOXES  
MOST PROBABLY FROM A SHIP. RESUMED SQUARE SEARCH AND RCC ADVISED US  
TO RELOCATE OIL SLICKS SO NOMAD COULD TAKE SAMPLES AT 230532Z5

PAGE 3 RAYAEG 499 UNCLAS  
PLACED SAR DATUM BUOY ON OIL SLICKS AS REQUESTED BY RCC. POSITION  
3923S2 14357E0. HOMED NOMAD TO OIL SLICKS AND INVESTIGATED UNDERWATER  
OBJECT AT 230534Z7. IN POSITION 3919S2 14354E7. CONTACT WAS ASSESSED  
BY NOMAD AS MARINE LIFE. TIME 230654Z0 RESUMED SQUARE SEARCH UNTIL  
OFF TASK AT 230800Z3. AREA SEARCHED WAS 15NM RADIUS FROM 3925S9  
14352E5.  
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SITREP 3 VH-DSJ.

DAY 3 MONDAY 23 OCT. WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA GOOD. MODERATE NE WIND  
MEDIUM SWELL, SCATTERED CLOUD.

FISHING VESSEL 'NOMAD' OBTAINED SAMPLES OF OIL. BEING FORWARDED TO  
MELBOURNE FOR ANALYSIS TUESDAY MORNING.

SEARCH DETAILS : DMU C150 COMPLETED LAND SEARCH OF KING ISLAND.  
GAF 1 (NOMAD) COMPLETED COASTAL SEARCH TORQUAY TO CAPE OTWAY  
TO WARRNAMBOOL AND RETURN. RESCUE 252 P3 COMPLETED A SEARCH OF  
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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/ ~~TO~~ SOC AMML

AUTHORITY DOT

TEL. NO. —

MARSAR NO. 78/1205.

TAPE REF. 13/2 1404 - 1447.

CO-ORDINATOR PdD.

TEXT: Nil RAAF A/c available to-morrow.

NOMAD A/c to go out to-morrow,  
plus "lighties."

Area: 20 x 35 miles North King Island.

"NOMAD" picked up sample of oil slick.  
Will be examined.

OK, can ACSC be included in  
strips pls?

Thinks they have gone to ACSC.

Checking ---- no you not on them.  
Will fix.

Re broadcast does he want any  
further to-morrow?

No, Wants shipping reports.

Explained re broadcast.

Oh, ---- well at least till midday  
to-morrow. OK. will arrange

~~signature~~

P.T.O.



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO SOC ML.

AUTHORITY DOT

TEL. NO. —

MARSAR NO. 78/1205.

TAPE REF. 1404 - 1447.

CO-ORDINATOR PdD

TEXT: SOC ML has assessed  
drift in SW direction,  
based on:

- a. Position of re-located  
marker buoy dropped by RAAF.  
Direction 230° / 0.5 knot(?)
- b. NE winds. Wind has picked up  
in area.

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VIM DE ACSC

GE OM JUST HAD RATHER DIFFICULT CONVERSATION WITH GENT (WHO HAD A FEW UNDER HIS BELT) THRU POLICE STATION AU E E AT GEORGETOWN TASMANIA: THIS GENT PICKED UP ON 4525KHZ AT 0442 THIS AVO : 'MAYDAY 3 TO E E TIMES' AND NOTHING A E E ELSE CAN YOU MONITOR THAT FREQ FOR A WHILE AT ALL?

OK WILL DO NOW TKS

FOR INFO THIS GENT COULD NOT REPLY AS HE COULD NOT TRANSMIT AND THEY HAVE JUST COME ASHORE IN GEORGETOWN HE SAID IT WAS VERY FAINT AND MY EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW HIM OVER FONE NOR E E NOT VERY GOOD. POLICE WILL TRY TO GET A STATEMENT FROM HIM AND IF ANY FUT E E FURTHER INFO COMES TO LIGHT FROM THAT WE WIL LET YOU KNOW OK??

OK TKS THINK CHANCES WE WILL HEAR ANITHING VERY SMALL SIEEEING WAS OVER 4 HOURS AGO BUT WILL MONITOR ANYWAY TKS CUL

YES I REALIZE TIME FACTOR IS NO HELP BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE THE EFFORT Z E E SINCE NIL ELSE AT MOM

OK UNDERSTAND BI NOW

TVM OM AND BEFORE I GO ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS (RADIO WISE)

NO DONT THINK SO THAT FREQ 4525 IS A FISHINGFREQ OR A FREQ FOR LIMITED COASTSTNS AND RECKON SOME OTHER F/V SHOULD HAVE HRD SOMETHING IF IT HAD BEEN ANI ACTIVITY ON FREQ K

YES AGREE AND THANKS OM WIL LET YOU KNOW AND IF YOU COULD MONITOR FOR SAY ABOUT HALF HOUR OR SO(OTHER DUTIES PERMITTING)

OK WILL DO BY THE WAY SHALL WE CONTINUE BCAST OF YR MARSAR OVERNIGHT OR SUSPEND BCASTS AFTER DARK K

YES WILL BE SUSPENDED WIL SENT YOU OFFICIAL DITTIE ON THAT WHEN IS YOU R NEXT BC DUE?

WILL BCAST TO BIG SHIPS ON MY WHRSKED 1948LT AND SENT LAST TO SMALL SHIPS ON MY SKED AT 1733LT K

OK MAKE THE BIG SHIP 1948 THE LAST ONE FOR THE NITE OK?

OK TKS OM CUL

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MARSAR 78/1205 MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT.

A. ACSC 222345Z OCT 78

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM / TO JSPS

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

141, 263 - 273

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TEXT:

IN NORMAL CELS

SUB SURFACE CURRENT

C 3 miles. diam /N WIND 24 KTS NO NRT

FLOW. THROUGHOUT BARR ST.

INFO

FARL + DIRECTOR NAVAL MET. + OCEANOGRAPHY



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 23 234

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM ~~JO~~ JOPS

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

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CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT:

WANAKA WINDS 6000 ST RL SUSPENDED EVEREST.

Given.

SHARP MONIKA GIVEN - Search continue.

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MARSAR 78/1205 - VHDSJ SEARCH

SIGHTING REPORT

MR ANDREW BATES (TEL 037929395) REPORTS EXPLOSION IN SKY APPROX 0915 SAT NIGHT. SIGHTING MADE FROM VESSEL IN APPROX POSN 3800S 14454E DIRECTION OF PORT ARLINGTON QUOTE IN SKY CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM GROUND UNQUOTE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Lee MC  
TEL. NO. 03 338 4450

AUTHORITY

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

14/12 262 -

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TEXT:

BESTEL SIGHTING PAULLO



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 23 214

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM ~~JO~~ MR ANDREW BATTLE

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 03 792 9395

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT:

TAKING PART IN 100 YACHT RACE PORT PELLIOT BAY

SIGHTED EXPLOSION IN SKY DCT PORT ALLEGATION  
IN SKY CONSID DICT FROM GROUND.

HIS 0TH APP. SPOIL GROUND LT BUOY



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 23 214

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO

Acc MRL.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

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CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT:

GUIDANCE CONCERN SHEET FOR WRECKAGE.  
RE SUB SURFACE COUNTER - EXPLAINED NIL  
INFO HER + RE TO NAVY IN.

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MELBSAR AA31591  
ACSC AA62553

GA DE ACSC RE THE XXX ON THE OVERDUE AIRCRAFT PLS DROP DOWN TO  
FOUR HRLY FROM NOW ON TKS

RGR OK WILL ODO

FINE TKS VM CU

OK  
MELBSAR AA31591  
ACSC AA62553



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *302 Soc Rec M.L.*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

*14/1 116 - 152**66.*

TEXT:

*Gave details of peak meteorite activity.**Orion may have triggered eruptions.*



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Shamus 063.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

14/2 881111 0059 -

MS.

TEXT:

21st Peak of Musterite Stream.

Area N.E. cut down Mac.

LAST TIME SIGHTING

near Stream 3 am on

10-15 sightings per hour



MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 23 053

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO AT 380000 053.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 581053

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 14/1 25 -

CO-ORDINATOR 11

TEXT:

No Reply 2300~~15~~.

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 23 050

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO MELBOURNE OBSERVET.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 03

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

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15.

TEXT: OBSERVATORY CLOUD UNSTABLE.

STATE MUSEUM

663 4811

NO WATCHED OBSERVATORY - DEMO ONLY.

MT STRANGE ~~CLOUDS~~ - NEAREST ONE.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 23 033

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM / ~~SMITHURST~~ SMITHURST

AUTHORITY Fleet Ops Manager

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. CMOC FONC.

CO-ORDINATOR QM .

## TEXT:

Report from Express of Australia  
may be relevant to plane search in Strait  
3<sup>RD</sup> Mate and lookout both reported  
what they describe as a brilliant-  
white light moving very fast no indication  
of height moving from E to W ahead often  
*(221445z)*  
posn 3952S 14534E 1245 pm last night  
Course of ship 334/17.0.

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CENTRE CANBERRA

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TO DEFENCE CANBERRA

DEFAIR CANBERRA

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DEFAIR FOR DOPS-AF

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM SOC DARWIN

QUOTE..

2. AIRCRAFT REPORT UFO

VH-DRB C421 ENROUTE TENNANT CK-DARWIN FL180 REPORTED BRILLIANT  
WHITE LIGHT AT LEVEL 30 MILES NORTH OF HIM, IN TINDAL AREA FOR  
3-4 SECS TRACKING N-SW ON DESCENT THEN DISAPPEARING.

VH-CKU C402 FROM MATARANKA ON SAME TRACK AND LOWER SAW SAME THING  
AT 0946Z. BRILLIANT WHITE LIGHT FALLING FAST AND IRRIDESCENT,  
NOTHING IN AREA, NOTHING ON RADAR, CANNOT EXPLAIN IT.

...UNQUOTE

SIMILAR INCIDENT REPORTED THIS AREA 010225Z AUG 78.

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CENTRE-SOUTH

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INFO  
**ACSC AA62349**

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230124 AMMLYCa.....  
WX REPORT FROM R252 IN SEARCH AREA  
0030 WIND 030/15 MAJOR SWELL 8FT DIRECTION 210 DEG TRUE  
VIS 10NM + HAZE.

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TRANSML AA32900



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 22 2359

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM TO Rec Mac

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

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CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT:

Call Iken Mansfield Polar 0930

MARINE SITUATION  
CENTRE - CANBERRA

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ARMY AA62053  
ACSC AA62349

DE ACSC PLS RELAY TO ALL ADDDEES TKS

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TO DEFENCE CANBERRA  
DEFNAV CANBERRA  
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MARSAR 78/1205 - MISSING AIRCRAFT BASS STRAIT  
1. C182 AIRCRAFT VH-DSJ OVERDUE OF FLT MOORABBIN/KING ISLAND  
21OCT78 - AIR/SEA SEARCH IN PROGRESS  
2. OIL SLICK SIGHTED DURING SEARCH IN POSITION 3919S 1440E  
MAY BE RELEVANT  
3. RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE MELBOURNE HAS REQUESTED ANY V  
AVAILABLE SUB SURFACE CURRENT DETAILS THIS AREA FOR SALVAGE/  
INVESTIGATION PURPOSES

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VH-DSJ OVERDUE KING ISLAND

AS REQUESTED FOLLOWING VESSELS REPORTED IN BASS STRAIT AREA  
IN RESPONSE TO URGENCY BROADCAST 210948GMT ON NOTIFICATION  
OF DISTRESS PHASE.

0950 NANCY HEATH/VKNH 3902S 14416E C0277 SPD12  
1000 BRISBANE TRADER/VJMV 4008S 14602E C0328 SPD16  
1000 IRON WHYALLA/VMBD 3909S 14542E C0102 SPD10.5  
1000 GOLIATH/VKGH 4014S 14643E C0023 SPD13.8  
*0430-1000* IRON MONARCH/VLKG 3751S 14002E C0144 SPD16  
1000 SAFOCEAN ALBANY/ZTEN 3912S 14620E C0277 SPD17  
1000 NGAPARA/ZMJT 4103S 14737E C0293 SPD11  
1230 BOTANY CHEMIST/6MYY 3849S 14507E C0285 SPD13

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MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC DE VIM 2238Z 22ND

REF BOTANYCHEMIST 6MYY POSN GIVEN AT 211230GMT POSITION N 3849S  
1457E SP 13 KTS COURSE 285 TO ADELAIDE

RGR TKS OM THAT THE SAME AS BEFORE ALL OK JUST NOT SURE OF LONG WILL  
ASSUME 14507E. TKS AGAIN AND CU

OK 1457E AS SENT FM HIM

TDB CULTR

RGR AS MATTER OF INTEREST ASSUME THAT WAS RTF?

RTG

OK ♦

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ACSC AA62553

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GM VIM DE ACSC

AT 211237Z U HAD QSO WITH BOTANY CHEMIST/6MYY FOR A POSITION  
IN CONNECTION WITH MISSING AIRCRAFT POSN GARBLED ON YOUR TLX  
REQUEST CHECK AND ADVZ POSITION AGAIN PSE OM AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

OK WILL DO AND CALL BACK SHORTLY

TK SFP

MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62553



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 22 22 08

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *Lee M&L*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

12/2 1086 -1490

*AS*

TEXT:

Apollo Bay Area WZG unsat  
in area 0200Z.  
Next seas 2341°



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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78 OCT 22 2110

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM / TO melb rec.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

12/2. 1425 - 1483.

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TEXT: Requested.

- ① change in drift of any when known or assessed.
- ② drift of a/cft/wreckage assuming it submerged along bottom - said mariners more interested in surface movement - realised info hard to get at but require it more for enquiry later.
- ③ name of ship which was NE of KLD at 1100Z on night plane went down, as reckoned pilot could have been disoriented if he saw vs which had a lot of bright lights on & if a/cft was flying upside down. (cir) freighter moving W to E.

Nomad has been tasked to collect oil sample - yes Aesc aware from Green - oh wrongly



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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 22 2120 el

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT: addressed but will send now.  
wx as at 2000Z KJ.  
600x10kts. 2/8 ci 5ft sea low  
swell  
aft in area 2130Z.  
said east current met  
oil sample taken.  
confirmed MPP 39/35 14338E

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221129 AMML YC~~222117~~

ATTN SARO

ADDITIONAL SAR BRIEFING FOR R251.

FISHING VESSEL NOMAD WILL POSITION OVERNIGHT AT 3919S 14401E TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SAMPLE OF OIL FOR ANALYSIS. FISHING VESSEL NOMAD CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY CALLSIGN WZG PAINTED ON WHITE WHEELHOUSE ALSO CARRYING YELLOW DINGHY ON WHEELHOUSE. FREQS IN USE 4535 KHZ SHIP/SHORE AND 2112 KHZ SHIP/SHIP. IF UNABLE TO CONTACT F/V NOMAD RELAY TO AMML RCC VIA AMKI FS 123.9 MHZ

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GM OM - DAWN JUST STARTING TO BREAK HERE NOW, WHEN WILL  
YOU WANT THE (PRESUME UPDATED) MARSAR REINSTITUTED??

RGR OM HAVE ONE NOW BEING TYPED UP ALSO INTEND CANCELLING THE  
CQ AS ITS NOW INCORPORATED IN THE XXX KKKKK  
OK OM I WILL AWAIT YR CALL BACK WHEN READY (MAYBE THE UFO'S DID  
GET HIM HA HA)

HA HA BUT NOT FUNNY POOR CHAP KK  
YES AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND O DOUBLY BAD FOR HIS FAMILY.  
I OK AWAITING YR CALL TKS VM

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RAYWACX/ACSC CANBERRA  
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RAYRC/RCC MELBOURNE  
ZEN/COCOC  
RAYQJG/COCSC  
RAYQCX/AIRPTP GP MELBOURNE  
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RAYRMF/AOCCTVL  
RAYSNE/AOCCDAR  
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DEFAIR FOR DOPS-AF, DEFENCE FOR JOPS, AIRPTGP FOR OSOS

PAGE 2 RAYRMB 673 UNCLAS  
MSGID/HQOC/GREEN/05/OCT  
MISSN/COPS/SAR/VIS-RADAR SEARCH FOR AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE  
LAMP/NATIONAL COMMITMENT  
FORCE/92WG/P3//RESCUE252  
TASK/AAED/222130Z0/222245Z7/230600Z1/230645Z0/ANES  
AREA/3845S0/14322E2/3845S0/14450E4/3948S4/14450E4/3948S4/14322E2  
NARR/CONFIRM OIL SLICK IN POSN 3919S 14401E THEN SQUARE SEARCH  
ON DATUM 3916S 14406E, ALT 1000FT, START POSN 3918S 14404E.  
SUGGESTED TR SP 2NM - ADJUST FOLLOWING AREA WX ASSESSMENT. DATUM  
MARKED BY R251 WITH SAR DATUM BUOY - 118QN PURPLE 867 REFERS.  
F/V NOMAD, C/S WGZ IN AREA ATTEMPTING TO GAIN SAMPLE OF OIL SLICK  
LISTENING OUT 4535KHZ. ASSIST VESSEL TO HOME TO OIL SLICK. HOURLY  
REPORTS VIA AOCC. MAINTAIN WATCH ON KI FIS 123.9MHZ, PASS REPORTS  
AS NECESSARY. EXCLUDE LAND MASSES FROM SEARCH AREA.  
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TO RAYRMB/HQOC  
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MSGID/11SQN/PURPLE/867/OCT/SAR CESSNA 182  
REF/HQOC/211437ZB/OCT/78/GREEN/867/OCT  
MISSN/COPS/SAR/MISSING CESSNA 182  
FORCE/11SQN/P3B//RESCUE 251  
TASK/AAED/21175824/21191024/22052526/220649Z3/AAED  
ACFT/P3B/A9-297//3NM  
CREW/B/PC-FLT LT FEENEY/TC-FLT LT SIGSTON  
WEA/O///20/CLR/AL005/135T/010K/NON/090T/08K/1///3027  
TMPOS/220435Z6/3924S8/14437E9

PAGE 2 RAYUDN 528 UNCLAS  
EQMAL/APX-7/211805Z7/RETRO DISPENSER/21175824/ASA-16/211800Z2  
LAMP/BDHI FUNCTION OF ASA-16 ONLY WAS UNSERVICEABLE  
NARR/ON ARRIVAL AT SEARCH AREA, DATUM POSN 3914S7  
14346E8, WAS MARKED WITH A SSQ-41 3HR LIFE SONOBUOY.  
RADAR CONTACTS WITHIN 20NM OF DATUM WERE CHECKED  
VISUALLY BEFORE BEGINNING SECTOR SEARCH BECAUSE  
LIGHT CONDITIONS WERE NOT YET GOOD FOR A VISUAL  
SECTOR SEARCH. AT 1930Z3 SECTOR SEARCH 10NM RADIUS WITH  
20 DEG ANGLE BETWEEN SEARCH LEGS WAS BEGUN.  
EXPANDING SQUARE SEARCH 2NM TRACK SPACING, FIRST  
LEGS 3NM FROM DATUM WAS BEGUN AT 2053Z.  
THE EXPANDING SQUARE SEARCH TO 20 NMS FROM DATUM  
WAS COMPLETED AT 0017Z8. FOR INFORMATION, THE  
SSQ-41 AT THE DATUM POSN APPEARED TO DRIFT  
SOUTH WESTERLY 1000 TO 1300 YDS IN THE 1 HR  
42 MINS IT WAS USED. THIS INFORMATION IS BASED  
ON RADAR FIXING OFF CAPE WICKHAM. THE CLA  
SEARCH AT 3 NM TRACK SPACING WAS COMMENCED  
AT 0041Z5. COORDS OF AREA SEARCHED AT 3 NM  
TRACK SPACING ARE 3854S0 14351E4, 3844S9 14439E1,

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3923S7 14503E3 AND 3939S4 14350E1. CONDITIONS  
WERE GOOD FOR SEARCH AND LARGE NUMBERS OF  
BIRDS, FISH AND PIECES OF WOOD WERE SEEN. A  
NUMBER OF SLICKS WERE ALSO SEEN AND ONE  
WAS MARKED WITH AN SAR DATUM BUOY (24 HR LIFE, 245 MHZ)  
AS REQUESTED BY RCC MELBOURNE. POSN  
OF DATUM BUOY IS 3919S2 14401E0 AND TIME OF DROP WAS  
0522Z9. NO AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WAS SEEN.

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HQOC FOR MOPS  
DEFAIR FOR DOPS-AF  
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CANBERRA

093)Z VESSEL FIFTEEN MILES FROM REPORTED OIL SLICK BASS STRAIT  
REGRET UNABLE SEARCH DUE DARKNESS  
MASTER

CCN 0930Z RR 0930Z

SENT 1013GMT

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GE OM DE ACSC REF MARSAR 78/1205==

PLS SUSPEND CQ RE OIL SLICK OVERNITE AND RESUME AT DAYBREAK

OK WILL ODO TKS

CULTR<sup>PH</sup>

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DE VIM 0919Z

U STILL WANT US KEEP BROADCASTING MARSAR EVERY HOUR PLS ??

SEC PLS SUSPEND OVERNITE OM

OK WILL DO AND START AT DAYLITE ??

YES PLS WE WILL UPDATE INTERVAL THEN

OK MANI TKS CU

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DE VIM 0812Z

RE MARSAR 78/1205

SMALL SHIP ISEEEE PISCESIS VK3648 REPORTS IN SEARCH AREA  
WILL CONTINUE TILL AFEEE DARK THEN WILL HAVE TO ABANDON  
SEARCH NIL SEEN

RGR ANY CHANCE OF IT PICKING UP A SAMPLE OF THE OIL SPILL

HAVE BROADCAST SAME BUT HE DID NOT MENTION IT WILL TRY AND  
RAISE IM AGEN AND ASK HIM IF POSS

TKS OM CU CU

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM TO

3V2 MELB.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

13/2 1145 - 1150

CO-ORDINATOR

(VJ)

TEXT: VMR says not involved in SAR.  
Aren't we assisting with Lt. A/C in Bass St.

Assisting yes but board with KCC Amore  
Leave him tele no.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM  SBCI ammc

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 03 3384450

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

1372 1096-1145

VSD

TEXT: Passed drift as experienced by  
Manay Heath of Easterly 2-3 kts.  
That would be combination of sea current, wind  
and tidal current. Suggested that if  
wind change goes thru as forecast  
that sea current is Easterly at  $\frac{1}{2}$  knot

Rgr. What is crayfisherman's name &  
number as oil slick possibly light aviation  
spirit in stationary point. Will try  
Apollo Bay vessel to take a sample  
but if no luck wants K.I. crayfisherman  
to take sample first light. Onion has  
marked point.

Rgr gave Graham Oliver's name & tele no.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM / TO Rec Mr

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

1084

CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT:

Sea current MPP Split

3913 143.88E

Avg Breaker current channel,

40 mils from drift line



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGEFROM/~~TO~~ SOC AMML

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 13-2 / 1016 - 1048

CO-ORDINATOR

IKJ

## TEXT:

Required depth is from of reported oil slick - gave him average of 50 fm. over also bottom lights.

He said AAA are land datum marker and that former of slick had not moved -



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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM ~~/~~ Lee M.R.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

13/2 1007 - 1018

Mr.

TEXT:

DATUM for tomorrow 230210  
Request we work out - understand we  
have computer - No OK will work  
it themselves.

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E DE VIM 220455Z

FM BELAMARA TWO HOURS STEAMING FROM POSN OF OIL SLICK SO UNABLE  
OBTAIN THAT SAMPLE (

RGR OK OM AND PSE TO TK HIM WILL C WHAT ELSE CUMS UP

OK

AM ABT TO SEND THE CQ NW

OK FINE

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220435Z

BELAMARA REPORTS NOT 10 MILES OF CAPE WICHAM AND HOLDING SEARCH PATTERN HEADING FOR CURRIE KING ISLAND

PRESUME THAT NOW 10 MILES ETC?  
SRI 10 MILES NORTH OF CAPE WICKHAM

RGR HAVE CQ REF OIL SLICK FOR U SEEKS THAT BELAMARA MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE SAMPLE GIVE HIM THE DETAILS PSE POSN IS 16MILES NE CAPE WICKAM BUT IF HE DOEST VOLUNTEER NO WORRIES K

OK WILL ASK HIM AND CALL U BACK LTR

OK TKS OMP  
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MARSAR 78/1205 - DITCHED AIRCRAFT

1. PLSE BDCAST FOLLOWING CQ BIG/SMALL ON RECEIPT AND TWO  
HOURLY UFN

2. CQ DE VIM WESTERN BASS STRAIT CHART 1695B  
SEARCH AIRCRAFT REPORTS SIGHTING OIL SLICK IN POSN 3920S  
14404E. POSSIBLY CONNECTED WITH DITCHED AIRCRAFT.  
VESSELS IN AREA REQUESTED TO OBTAIN SAMPLE IF POSSIBLE.

ACSC CANBERRA 220434Z OCT  
BT

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OTCMR AA32394  
ACSC AA62349



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO See Rec MRC.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 63 339 4450

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 1254 - 1263

CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT:

BELANAKA FEST CURRENT 1E. 2 KTS.

PASSED AS HEADING REPORT.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM / TO	Hannill (MC)	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.	CAILLIVILLE 051 832340	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF.	14/2 1238 - 1254	CO-ORDINATOR 44

TEXT:

MANL BRANCH CB OPERATOR

CALL FM CB OPERATOR MC HANL  
7.30 - 8PM MAYER 2AM. WALKERVILLE  
(W.S.D.R. WILSON PROM)  
CB VAQ644 - NO PHONE.

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MELBSAR AA31591

220330Z  
FROM BELAMARA ESTIMATED DRIFT EASTWARDS ABOUTN 2 KNOTS OR LESS

RGR THAT ABOUT WHAT WE THORT OK THANKS VM OM  
WE WILL ON PASS TO RCC NOW TKS

OK OUT FOR NOW

ACSC AA62553



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 22 321

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM / ~~TO~~ Rcc

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 03 3324410

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

1/2 — 1202

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TEXT: BALAMALA

RTA 0845

ORION JUST GOTTE BACK SUCK TOO

BIG FOR LT AIRCRAFT - R CAN

BALAMALA OFF THAT ONE - DUN

DESCRIPTION OF BOAT GIVEN -

REQUEST CURRENT SERVICE FOR BALAMALA.

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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Off  
ACSC AA62553  
MELBSAR AA31591

BALAMARA ADVISES HAS ALSO JUST RECOVERED THE RED BUCKET REPORTED EARLIER

RGR THATS FINE MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE CRASH SEC PLS WE JUST TALKING TO RCC NOW ANY MARKINGS ON BUCKET AT ALL PLS

SEC

ALSO THE RCC HAVE NOW INFO US THAT THEY DO NOT REQUIRE THE OIL SLICK INVESTIGATED AS THEY THINK IS TOO BIG TO BE CONNECTED WITH THE PLANE OK ON PASSING TO VSL NOW

RGR AS ALOS ALSO CAN U ASK IF HE CAN GIVE US THE WEATHER DETAILS IN THE AREA AND ALSO IF HE CAN GIVE US ANY IDEA OF THE CURRENT AS THEY WILL BE BASING THE SEARCH TOMORROW ON IT TKS

SEC

WIND EASTERLY FIVE KNOTS CURRENT UNKNOWN THE BUCKET IS UNMAKED BUT HAS BEEN USED TO FOR PAINTING WHITE PAINT IN BOTTOM AS HAS BEEN IN WATER SOME TIME WEED GROTH INSIDE

RGR THATS FINE TKS VM OBVIOUSLY NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ACFT BUT PLS THANK HIM FOR HIS EFFORTS KK

OK HE AT PREVIOUS MENTIONED POSN AND NOW TUN TURNING SOUTH AND SEACH SEARCHINT TOWARDS KING SILAND

RGR THAT FINE TKS VM HAVE U HEARD ANYMORE FROM THE NGAPARA LATELY KK

NIL

OK FINE HOPE HE HAS RESUMED HIS VOYAGE BY NOW OK PLS ASK THE BALAMARA IF HE CAN GIVE US THE CURRENT DETAILS AS SOON AS HE CAN TKS

OK WILL DO

NO CONTACT WITH NGAPARA AND SHE HAS NOW SAILED OFF TO THE WEST

RGR THAT FINE TKS VM  
OK CUL OM TKS

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MELBSAR AA31591

MSG ONPASSED BELAMARA - HE SAYS WILL TAKE HIM ABOUT 1/2 HOURS  
TO GETEEEEEE ABOUT HALF AN HOUR TO GET TO THAT POSITION  
AND WILL THE AIRCAREEEE AIRCRAFT BE IN THE AREA TO PINPOINT  
THE SLICK THEN?

RGR WE WILL FIND OUT TKS

OK CALL BACK WHEN READY TKU CUL

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RE THE SEACH IN THE BASS T STRAIT CAN U PLS PASS TO  
BELAMARA THAT AN OIL SLICK HAS BEEN SIGHTED BY  
THE SEARCH AIRCRAFT IN POSITION 3919S 14402E AND THE  
RCC REQUECST THAT HE INVESTIGATE IF POSSIBLE KK

R WILCO

RGR FINE SHOULD S JUST BE ABOUT NEAR HIS POSITION TKS VM

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO DEC MRL

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

WFO - 1149

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TEXT:

OIL SLICK SIGHTED BY A/C 3919.55

144.02E.

Any vessel to investigate will advise

+ ADV.

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VSSAR AA22393

ACSC DE VIS 220300Z

RE YR REQUEST FOR INFO ON NOMAD HERE ALL THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US =

not within  
scope of  
request

- (1) NOMAD/VJ2539 LICENSEE N.L. BRIEDEN PO BOX 4529 GPO SYD 2524/6280/4120
- (2) NOMAD/VJ5997 LICENSEE H.M. COOPER 25 JUDD ST CRONULLA 2230 2182/2112/2284?/2524/4136.3
- (3) NOMAD/VJ6920 LICENSEE W.G. ROBERTS 35 WIGRAM RD GLEBE 2037 2182/2201(RX)
- \* (4) NOMAD/VK2627 LICENSEE A.J. HUNTER 50 PASCOE ST APOLLOBAY 3233 2182/2201/4125/2112/4535/4620/6215.5
- (5) NOMAD/VL2555 LICENSEE R.F. BRADFORD 246 KING ST CLONTARF 2182/2201/2100/2524/2284
- (6) NOMAD/VL3139 L.C. HAMILTON PO BOX 49 TOWNSVILLE QLD 2182/2201/6204/2524
- (7) NOMAD/VL4491 E.R. BRIESE PO BOX 124 MOSSMAN/QLD 4873 2182/2524
- (8) NOMAD/VL4781 R.K. TUCKER 75 ESPLANADE MANLY 4179 NO FREQUENCIES GIVEN ON LICENSE
- (9) NOMAD/VL5128 H.D. MARTIN 344 JACKSON RD SUNNYBANKHILLS 4109 2182/2201/4136.3/6204
- (10) NOMAD/VM5219 R.G. WAKEFIELD 74 DAVALLIA RD DUNCRAIGWA 6023 2182/2201/4136.3/2524

Don't release -  
personal info

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VIS DE ACSC 0221Z

REF SEARCH FOR AIRCRAFT IN BASS ST REQUEST ANY AVBL DETAILS  
ON VESSEL NOMAD RPT NOMAD WE HAVE ONE LISTING BUT MAYBE U HAVE MORE  
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN FREQS

RGR WILL CALL BACK

TKS OMB

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FROM BELAMARA 220215Z

CAN STAY IN AREA UNTIL AROUND 1.30P LOCAL TIME THEN HAVE TO RETURN  
TO PORT BEFORE DARK SAME APPLIES TO TOHER TWO VSL IN AREA

ALSO NGAPARA SAYS VSL CURRENTLY ALONG SIDE (NOMAD RR VSL NOMAD)  
AND TRYING TO ESTABLISH QSO AND FREQ AVAILABLE ASKING NOMAD TO RE  
RECOVER BUCKET

SEC

ONLY NOMAD WE HAVE IS SLOOP CALLSIGN VL 3139  
FREQ 2182 2524 4136.3

WILL C IF WE CAN GET FURTHER K

OK TKS MAY GET IT VIA NGAPARA SHORTLY TKS NIL ELSE FOR NOW

OK CUL\*

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MARSAR 78/1205 - VH-DSJ DETRESFA

1. VESSELS BALAMARA/VM4076 NAUTILUS/VM4729 HELEN D/VM4774  
COMMENCING DRIFT LINE SEARCH FROM 3913S 14338E TRACKING  
100 DEG TRUE. WEATHER REPORTED AS LIGHT ENE BREEZE SEA  
TEMPERATURE "COOL BUT NOT COLD" (NO THERMOMETER AVBL)  
VESSELS WILL SEARCH DRIFT LINE TO EAST FOR 11NM THEN SOUTH  
FOR 6NM. LEGS 1 TO 1 AND ONE HALF HOURS.

2. NGAPARA/ZMJT SIGHTED RED PLASTIC BUCKET 220135 IN 3919S  
14355E ENDEAVOURING RECOVERY - VESSEL BOUND PORT LINCOLN

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R WILO ATTEMPTEEEEEE

ACSC DE VIM 220145 GMT

FM NGAKARA/ZMJT RE MARSAR 78/1205

R WILCO WILL ATTEMPT RECOVER BUCKET

(SMALL SHIPS IN AREA WARNED BY VIM OF NGAKAREEEEEEE NGAPARA  
MANOEUVRING)

RGR TKS OK NIL ELSE

TKS CUL



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220153Z

FROM BALAMARA NOW COMMENCING SEARCH FROM GIVE POSITION TO EASTWARDS  
FOR 11 MILES THE SOUTH FOR 6 MILES FOR 1-12WWWWWE<sup>E</sup>EE 1-1/2  
EACH LEGS

THAT SHOULD BE 1-1/2 HOUR EACH LEG

OK FINE TKS UNDERSTOOD REQUEST U ASK HIM HOW LONG VSL CAN STAY  
ON SEARCH TKS

OK WILL COME BACK ON THAT

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FROM BALAMARA 0140Z

WHR LIGHT BREEZE ENE AND NO THERMOMETER FOR SEA TEMP  
BUT FROM HAND FEEL SAYS COOL BUT NOT COLD

RGR TKS VM

OK OUT FOR NOW

HE IS COMMENCING THE SEARCH OF AREA AS OF NOW

OK TKS AND DID HE ACK THE LAST ABOUT PROCEEDING EASTERLY ALONG  
DRIFT LINE

YES AND ONPASSING TO THE OTHER TWO VSL'S IN HIS AREA

GOOD TKS OM CUL

SAID SIGHT THE ORION ABT HOUR AGO NIL SINCE THAT

OK FINE TKS AND IN CASE ORION SEES ANYTHING WHAT FREQ U HAVE HIM ON  
PSE

HAVE TOLD THE BALAMARA THAT ORION WILL POSSIBLE CALL UP ON 2182 IF  
WISHES TO GET IN CONTACT

OK FINE THAT ALL TKS AND CU

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VIM DE ACSC REF NGAPARA SIGHTING BUCKET  
PSE PASS FOLLOWING

MASTER  
NGAPARA/ZMJT

RYC . RCC REQUESTS RECOVERY OF BUCKET IF POSSIBLE  
ACSC 220140Z

R WILCO

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Rec

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

12/2 - 1085

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TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

Panned bucket sighting  
Legent recovery if possible - R.

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ACSC DE VIM 220135GMT

FM NGAPARA/ZMJT RE MARSAR

SIGHTED RED PLASTIC BUCKET FLOATING IN POSITION 39.19S  
143.55E

RGR OM PLS CONFIRM BUCKET

RR CONFIRMED

RGR FINE TKS VM FOR HIS REPORT WE WILL ON PASS TO THE  
RCC AT MELBOUMNE TKS

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VIM DE ACSC HERE ANOTHER FOR BALAMARA OR ONE OF THE OTHERS IN COY  
PSE

BALAMARA/VM4076

RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE MELBOURNE REQUESTS THAT ON ARRIVAL  
ORIGINAL SEARCH AREA VESSELS TRACK 100DEG TRUE ALONG ESTIMATED  
DRIFT LINE. TARGET FOR SEARCH SURVIVOR LIFEJACKET WRECKAGE  
OIL SLICK. RAAF ORION AIRCRAFT CALLSIGN RESCUE 251 IN SEARCH AREA.  
SEARCH DATUM 3920S 14425E AT 220300GMT. ALSO REQUEST LATEST  
WEATHER REPORT IN AREA INCLUDING ESTIMATED CURRENT AND WATER  
TEMPERATURE IF POSSIBLE. REGARDS ACSC 220045Z

REQUEST ADVZ WHEN PASSED PSE OM

OK

TKS#

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Rec

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT:

EXPLORING VSL INVOLVED. BAHAMALA

NAIMIUS

HELEN IS.

OLION AREA 26 MILE FEAT

? NEW DATUM — 3920S 14425E. MAG E. 0300Z.

Re. vsls pre proceed to R from direction point.

OK.

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CENTRE FAD

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FROM BALAMARA/VH4076  
TWO VSL'S IN COMPANY ARE AS FOLLOWS

X  
NAUTILASS VM4729 AND HELEN -D VM4774  
STILL ABOUT ONE HOUR FROM THE DITCHED AREA  
AND WILL BE SEARCHING THAT AREA ON ARRIVAL OF POSITION

NB... C'SIGNS SUPPLIED FROM HOBARTRADIO AS BALAMARA DID HAVE THE C/S

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VIM DE ACSC RE THE XXX U HAVE RUNNING ON THED DITCHED PLANE  
PLASE AMEND THE BROADCAST TO READ

'VESSELS WITHIN 50 NM RADIUS REQUESTED TO LOOKOUT' ETC ETC INSTEAD  
OF VESSELS IN AREA ETC ETC TKS

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FROM/TX ~~Admiral (?)~~

AUTHORITY "AUSTRALIAN"

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. ~~585-~~

CO-ORDINATOR J.

TEXT:

? A/c Bass Strait.

- Ring DOT (AO) Melbourne  
otherwise.

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AMD SEARCH AREA CO-ORDS AS FOLLOWS

3854S 14351E

3844S 14439E

3957S 14525E

4015S 14404E

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Soc Rec

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 812 - PL9

CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT:

1st NAVY Height Drift

Do we suggest move origin at New datum  
will be outside area - said in view of  
best advice into I would suggest no - OK  
will advise new datum for XXX.

He in drift E 2 2k.



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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Lee MARSAR

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 03 3284470

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 121 1035 Format

CO-ORDINATOR

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TEXT:

3913 143.38 K.

Buoys about 1 hour from datum.

NAME HEATH AQUZ SET 2-3 KRS E.

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VIM DE ACSC REF SERCH FOR AIRCRAFT MARSAR 78/1205

YOU HAD QSO WITH BALAMARA/VM4076 EARLIER  
AND HE SAID HE AND 3 OTHER VESSES IN SEARCH

RWE REQUEST U ASK HIM PSE NAMES OF OTHER VSL'S INVOLVED  
AND POSITION OF ALL OF THEM ALSO AREA BEING SEARCHED TKS

AT 0908LT HE CAME AND SAID WAS ABT 2 HOURS FROM THE AREA  
OK TKS IF U GET HIM BACK REQUEST THE OTHER INFO TOO TKS

OK WILL DO

ERE ONE

VKNH NANCYHEATH

ACSC CANBERRA

EASTERLY SET EXPERIENCED 2 TO 3 KNOTS

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+RGR TKS COPIED CUL



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM ~~TO~~ Rec Me

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

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CO-ORDINATOR

1472 1027 1035

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TEXT:

CLAY REACT. HOW MANY IN AREA.

SAY WR THINK HALEN D+1 + BALMAGA +3.

LAND SEARCH, OR BACHEL. - WANT TO KNOW

~~HULL~~ POIN IF POSSIBLE IN CARR BEACH PARK

See anything for recovery.

I WILL Endeavour contact us & see where  
they are.

Gave 3-type Navy light as set to be  
MAULD.

ORION IN SEARCH AREA - NO LIGHTS. AT  
MOM.

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ACG AA31434  
METVR AA31434

OCEAN FORECAST FOR WATERS 38/50S BETWEEN 141<sup>11</sup>/160E ISSUED 2245Z  
ON 21/10/70.....

PART 1. WARNINGS...  
NIL.

PART 2. SYNOPTIC SITUATION...

A HIGH IS CENTRED NEAR 34S 150E, 1027MB, MOVING SLOWLY EASTWARDS.  
A FRONT EXTENDS FROM 37S 130E TO 43S 144E TO 50S 152E AND IS  
MOVING EAST AT 30KTS.

FORECAST FOR 24 HOURS FROM TIME OF ISSUE...

(1) NORTH OF 42S: VARIABLE WINDS OF LESS THAN 10KTS, TENDING  
NORTHWESTERLY IN THE SOUTH AT 10-15KTS. SLIGHT SEAS RISING TO  
MODERATE.

(2) SOUTH OF 42S EAST OF THE FRONT: NORTH-EAST WINDS, 15-20KTS  
IN THE NORTH, STRENGTHENING TO AVERAGE 20-30KTS IN THE SOUTH.  
MODERATE SEAS RISING TO 200G.

(3) SOUTH OF 42S WEST OF THE FRONT: WESTERLY WINDS, INITIALLY  
20-25KTS, GRADUALLY MODERATING. ROUGH SEAS ADJUSTING TO MODERATE.

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VIM PSE PASS FOLLOWING

MASTER

NANCY HEATH/VKNH

RYC. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SEARCH. FOR FURTHER SEARCH PLANNING  
REQUEST YOUR ESTIMATE OF STRONG EASTERLY SET EXPERIENCED IN AREA  
REGARDS ACSC 212232Z

TKS OMB

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ANCYHEATH/VKNH MELBOURNERADIO 21 22 00GMT

ACSC  
CANBERRA VIA VIM

SEARCHED AREA INDICATED IN GOOD VIS AND WEATHER STOP  
RESULT NEGATIVE STOP IF FURTHER SEARCHES  
CARRIED OUT PLEASE NOTE STRONG EASTERLY SEA EXPERIENCED  
AT ABOVE AREA

MASTER

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO SEC MEL  
TEL. NO. 03 3384450  
TAPE REF.  
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AUTHORITY Rec  
MARSAR NO.  
CO-ORDINATOR 15.

TEXT:

Arrived Hearing next Cape off.  
" " " Cape Otway.

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ACSC AA62349

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TO VIM  
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POLICE HOBART  
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MARSAR 78/1205 - LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND.

A. MY 211958Z OCT 18

1. VIM PLS AMEND XXX BROADCAST TO READ AS FOLLOWS AND ~~B~~<sup>A</sup>RDCAST  
HOURLY RTG/RTF UFN.  
2. X X X DE VIM WESTERN BASS STRAIT CHART BA 1695B. LIGHT AIRCRAFT  
1POB ON ROUTE CAPE OTWAY TO KING ISLAND POSSIBLY DITCHED IN ESTIMATED  
POSITION 3913S 14338E AT 210915Z APPROX. VESSELS IN AREA REQUESTED  
TO LOOKOUT FOR 1 SURVIVOR IN LIFEJACKET AND/OR WRECKAGE. AIR AND  
SEA SEARCH IN PROGRESS.

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COR BROADCAST LIFEJACKET

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TRANS AA30260  
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RTG/RTF UFN

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TO LOOKOUT FOR 1 SURVIVOR IN LIFEJACKET AND/OR WRECKAGE. AIR AND  
SEA SEARCH IN PROGRESS.

ACSC CANBERRA 212152Z

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MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62349



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO *L. O'Dwyer*

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. *12/2. 952-980.*CO-ORDINATOR *EL*TEXT: *Leave site.*

lady heard plane pass over about 6:30 to 7:00 pm last night but paid no attention as normal occurrence.

keeper saw plane fly towards west 9:00 pm last night.



MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

78 OCT 21 2115

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM ~~3XY~~

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 1272.9 -952 .

CO-ORDINATOR

el

TEXT:

Info on aeff  
Referred to SOC net.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

78 OCT 21 2107

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM DAAAP melb.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO..

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

12/2 935 - 947

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TEXT:

Req. info on aft.

Gave facts & contact airways  
Ops melb.

Lgr.

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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ACSC AA62553

MELBSAR AA31591

DE VIM 212100Z

MVSL BALAMARA/VM4076 CONTACTED VIM . HER QTH JUST NNW OF KING ISLAND AND FEW HOURS FROM ESTIMATED DITCHED POSN OF LIGHT AIRCRAFT . SHE REPORTS THREE OTHER VESSELS IN AREA ENGAGED IN SEARCH .

FYI .

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ACSC AA62349

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ACSC AA62349

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FM ACSC CANBERRA  
TO POLICE OPS HOBART  
POLICE OPS MELBOURNE (D24)

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MARSAR 78/1205 - LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND.

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

78 OCT 21 1644

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Police Hobart.

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 002-381101.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 12/2 888-933.

CO-ORDINATOR

el

TEXT: Ref aeff.

Rgn. Police Hobart aware.  
Gave datum for 212000Z  
also fact re Mr Oliver & Co  
unaware of new datechr. Pts  
to info, also re planning in  
regd for brief.

Pts alert authorities & fish  
co-ops.

Rgn send telex  
will do.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

78 OCT 21 16 25

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO 024

AUTHORITY VIC POL

TEL. NO. 03-6671632

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 13/  
2.0788

CO-ORDINATOR

etc

TEXT: (INSP. HINDS)

Sitrep - pls advise local police  
and fish - co-ops.

O.K. Will do!



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 21 1619

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO ~~soe. melb.~~

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 800 - 888  
172CO-ORDINATOR *el*TEXT: *Ref aef7.*

datcom given (39145 14346E)  
last conversation checked & is  
the one - Rgr.

Policie has info'd but  
will unsure of day - however  
could access info day and  
alert FERN CO-OP3.

Rgr will do.

(A.C. soe. confirmed also  
on other phone)



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 21 16 03

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO Soc Netb HUGHES AUTHORITY DOT.

TEL. NO. 03-339 - MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 12/2. 519-860 CO-ORDINATOR *ll*

TEXT: Ref a/cf.

- ① Has Police Hobart SAR dir been informed  
② D24 been informed.

Rgn not aware if Police Hobart been infod but THINKS so and D24 not infod - but why D24 -

Explained now new sp. mid e. of way - e. Wickham therefore assistance from F.VSIS & F. Coops thru D24 also told him when KJ boat owner (Oliver) rings in msg will have to give him new shs datum - 40m from carrier

Datum Soc has 3914S 14346E  
Dirn to search 20 m radius round.

Bcast to reserve during msg. Soc requested VSIS in area

Soc has just come on & vagel on set.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

(FROM) TO Soc Ammc

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAP REF  
22783 - 788

CO-ORDINATOR

VJD

TEXT: Amended S.P. 328°T Cape Murchison 27m  
20 0915Z

(2)

Will have Oilow to search area 4m.  
+ light off coastal.Will have bay fisherman search 10 miles  
around new datum.Send to use Suge (S/c + W/c) of abt 100/6nm  
at 212000Z.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
AIR TRANSPORT GROUP

SEARCH AND RESCUE WORKSHEET No 1

OCEANIC DATUM POINT

REPORTED DISTRESS POSITION 39 31 S 143 54 E at time 210920 GMT

PREVIOUSLY COMPUTED DATUM \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ E at time \_\_\_\_\_ GMT

DATUM TO BE COMPUTED FOR SEARCH COMMENCING AT 212000 GMT

TIME INTERVAL FOR PLOTTING OF VECTORS 10 6 HRS

SURFACE DRIFT

SEA CURRENT AVERAGE SEA CURRENT SET 100 T/ 15 MPD/KTS

AVERAGE SEA CURRENT VECTOR TO PLOT 100 T/ 53 NM

WIND CURRENT SURFACE WIND 315 T/ 5 KTS for \_\_\_\_\_ HRS TO SPLASH

FETCH 50 NM for \_\_\_\_\_ HRS TO DATUM

LOCAL WIND CURRENT SET 115 T/ 05 KTS

LOCAL WIND CURRENT VECTOR TO PLOT 115 T/ 53 NM

LEEWAY MINIMUM LEEWAY SET \_\_\_\_\_ T/ \_\_\_\_\_ MPD/KTS

MINIMUM LEEWAY VECTOR TO PLOT \_\_\_\_\_ T/ \_\_\_\_\_ NM

MAXIMUM LEEWAY SET \_\_\_\_\_ T/ \_\_\_\_\_ MPD/KTS

MAXIMUM LEEWAY VECTOR TO PLOT \_\_\_\_\_ T/ \_\_\_\_\_ NM

MINIMUM SURVIVAL CRAFT DRIFT  $D_{min}$  \_\_\_\_\_ T/ \_\_\_\_\_ NM

MAXIMUM SURVIVAL CRAFT DRIFT  $D_{max}$  \_\_\_\_\_ T/ \_\_\_\_\_ NM

DATUM OR DATUM MINIMAX \_\_\_\_\_ T/ \_\_\_\_\_ NM

DISTANCE MIN TO MAX \_\_\_\_\_ NM

$$\text{DRIFT ERROR } (d_e) = \frac{d_e \text{ (min)} + d_e \text{ (max)} + \text{dist min to max DATUM}}{2} + \frac{+}{2}$$

=   NM

Computed by John Bally

Checked by .....

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
AIR TRANSPORT GROUP

## SEARCH AND RESCUE WORKSHEET No 2

SEARCH RADIUS AREA FOR

212000 GMT

DRIFT ERROR

(d<sub>e</sub>) \_\_\_\_\_ NM

DISTRESS CRAFT POSITION ERROR (FIX + DR)

15 + 15% of 45

(X) 21.75 NM

SEARCH CRAFT POSITION ERROR

(Y) \_\_\_\_\_ NM

TOTAL PROBABLE ERROR OF POSITION (e)

$$\sqrt{d_e^2 + x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\sqrt{\quad} = \boxed{21.75}$$

SAFETY FACTOR FOR THIS SEARCH

(f<sub>s</sub>) 1.1SEARCH RADIUS (R) = (e) × (f<sub>s</sub>)(R) 23.9 NM

ROUNDED UP

24

NM

## AREA COVERAGE

SEARCH OBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

CLOUD BASE \_\_\_\_\_ FT

VISIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_ M/KM      WIND \_\_\_\_\_ /      CLOUD COVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_ %

	SEARCH HEIGHT FT	SEARCH HEIGHT FT
UNCORRECTED SWEEP WIDTH	(W <sub>U</sub> ) _____ NM	(W <sub>U</sub> ) _____ NM
WHITECAP CORRECTION FACTOR	(fw) _____	(fw) _____
CLOUD COVERAGE FACTOR	(f <sub>c</sub> ) _____	(f <sub>c</sub> ) _____
SWEEP WIDTH	(W) _____ NM	(W) _____ NM
COVERAGE FACTOR DESIRED	(C) _____	(C) _____
TRACK SPACING DESIRED $\frac{W}{C}$	(S) _____ NM	(S) _____ NM
PROBABILITY OF DETECTION	(P) _____	(P) _____

Computed by

*J. Daly*

Checked by

39315.14354E

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
AIR TRANSPORT GROUP

	2109 20	2120 00	
T/I		10. 6 HRS.	
W/N.	315/5	315/5 →	PLOT ↓
SEA CURRENT	100/.5 KTS. 100/5.333	.5 KTS. 100/5.33	
WIND CURRENT	20° L 115/.53 →	.05 INT 115/.53	
MIN. LEEWAY			
MAX. LEEWAY			



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM TO Soc Amm C

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

12/2 907 - 763

WJD

TEXT: Beland + 1 other boat going out at first light from Currie up West coast then NW of Cape Bligh 10mm ls. Oliver in charge. will ring ACSC for assessment of route so he can render search..

Said forecast was for a SE change about 1000 local..

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62553

REF YOUR LAST RE BOTANY CHEMIST VESSEL BIT FAR TO NORTH SO PLS  
THANK MASTER BUT RELEASE HIM FROM FURTHER ACTION

WILL CO TKS

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MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62553V

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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ACSC AA62553  
MELBSAR AA31591

BOTANY CHEMIST/6MYY NR3 MELBOURNERADIO 21 1237GMT

ACSC  
CANBERRA

1230GMT POSITION 3849S 1457E SP 13 KTS COURSE 285 TO ADELAIDE  
MASTER

+RGR SEC WHILE I CKECK  
WILL CHECK WITH SOC AS THIS FELLOW MAY BE ABLE TO HELP AS WELL  
IN MEANTIME PLS SUSPEND XXX UNTIL FIRST SKEDS IN AM AND WE WILL  
ADVISE YOU OF INTERVAL  
OK CUL THEN

RGR  
MELBSAR AA31591  
ACSC AA62553



MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM  TO Sol Ammc

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 033392476

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF. 13/2 646 - 707

CO-ORDINATOR

VJD

TEXT: Peculiar transcript. Saw things 5mins  
after dep Cape Otway at 0903Z. Then  
came rough engine then nothing.  
Request block out some sort of drift buoys tip  
of King Island. Does drift goes  
for somebody in life jacket  
Satum 335 Cape Wickham 10 nm. <sup>Search time</sup> 2000Z  
W/V Lt. NW @ 5 knots. 315/35.

seeing things 5-6 mins after Otway  
about 0906 - 0907.

0913 repd ruff engine

shortly after no comms



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

'78 OCT 21 1146

## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM TO Sol Amml  
TEL. NO. 03 33 92476

AUTHORITY

MARSAR NO.

CO-ORDINATOR

VJD

TAP REF.  
192 889 - 619

TEXT: Vis V good cape Wickham to cape Otway  
another he to run around K.I.

He was eliciting when he saw ~~sold~~ <sup>VFO</sup>.  
Report Manay Heath go <sup>10 08 05</sup> ~~18~~ nm N of cape  
Wickham. 335°T - <sup>100 05 if poss.</sup> ~~10~~ miles  
Meat

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MELBSAR AA31591  
ACSC AA62553

GDAY AGIN DE ACSC

LS PASS FLWG MSG TO MASTER NANCY HEATH

MASTER

NANVYHEATH/VKNH

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO PASS THROUGH A POSITION 335 DEGS TRUE  
CAPE WICKHAM LIGHT 5 NAUTICAL MILES THE MOST PROBABLE POSITION  
OF THE LIGHT AIRCRAFT IF IT IS DOWN IN THE SEA AND THEN IF  
NOTHING SIGHTED PLS RESUME COURSE TO DESTINATION  
REGARDS ACSC CANBERRA 211140Z OCT 78

OK OM

OK WILL ONPASS

MNY TKS CULTR~~ME~~  
MELBSAR AA31591  
ACSC AA62553

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MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62553

GDAY AGIN DE ACSC

PLS THANK FOLLOWING VESSELS AND REQUEST THEY PROCEED

VJMV VMBD VKGH ZMJT

OTHERS MAY STILL HAVE A PART TO PLAY

TKS OM

OK TKS WILL DO

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MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62553



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM ⑩ Phassy K.I. Police 21211  
TEL. NO. 004 6112113

AUTHORITY

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.  
1372 525 - 525

CO-ORDINATOR

VAD

TEXT: Enquiring about flight of.

yes. husband gone to airport as ATL  
Milb put them on alert for wife due  
to land with rough engine. Has been  
trying to contact husband by radio  
but no joy.

Suggested she contact Firebrigade who  
would also have radio.

She said she would & ask them  
to report status.

Rgr will ring back

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62553

STILLWANT US TO HANG ON ?

NO THORT U SAID SEC NOT ME

URE PROBLY RITE STI OM CULTR\*

MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62553

DDVBI WAY VKNH RECKONS HE WILL BE AT LINE 11PM LT

OK OM WILL PSASS TO SOC MELB AND GET LATEST CU\*

MELBSAR AA31591

ACSC AA62553

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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ACSC AA62553  
MELBSAR AA31591

1102Z

DE VIM

NGAPARA ZMJT PSN 2000LT GOOSE ISLAND LIGHT BEARING  
050 DEGS 14 MILES CSE 293 DEGS SPEED 11 KNOTS STOP  
NO SIGHTINGS OR HEARINGS

SAFOCEAN ALBANY POSITION 2000LT TWO MILES NORTH RONDONDO  
ISLAND FROM SYDNEY TO ADELAIDE COURSE 277 TRUE SPEED  
17 STANDING BY VHF CHANNEL 16

SEC



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM  G. Oliver  
TEL. NO. 004 621368

AUTHORITY

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.  
13/2 502 - 525

CO-ORDINATOR

VJD

TEXT: no boats in area. Usually  
Apollo Bay boats or San Remo boats  
but last boat left yesterday. that  
is Cape Wickham.



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM	TO	Tasman Seafoods	AUTHORITY
TEL. NO.		Amidition - McHansen	MARSAR NO.
TAPE REF.		004521496	CO-ORDINATOR <i>VJD</i>
		13fr 471 - 502	

TEXT: No Smichton boats in area as all  
in port.

Call Barry Funnell . 004 621 447  
Abalone Queen

(brayfish) Graham Oliver - 621 368

(brayfish) Leo Newman 621 176



## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM TO Hm leurrie.  
TEL. NO. 004 621 493

AUTHORITY

MARSAR NO.

CO-ORDINATOR

VJD

TAPE REF.  
1372 471 -

TEXT: nothing heard.

Hm Grassby  
004 621 493

nothing heard.

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To:

ACSC AA62553

MELBSAR AA31591

1028Z

FROM NANCYHEATH VKNH

WHEN WAS AIRCRAFT LAST SIGHTED OR LEAVE OTWAY OR ANY OTHER  
RELEVANT DETAILS PLS ?

RGR LAST REPORT ESTIMATED TO BE 5-10MILES NORTH WEST OF CAPE  
WICKHAM HEADING SOUTH X COMMS WERE LOST SHORTLY AFTER SO SOC  
IS NOT SURE WHETHER AIRCRAFT CONTINUED ON TO KING ISLBD OR ATTEMPTED  
TO RETURN TO CAPE OTWAY X AT MOM SITUATION IS NOT CLEAR SO  
NO INSTRUCTIONS FOR VKNH X HOWEVER WE FEEL HE MAY BE ASKED TO DO  
ONE SWEEP FOM ABOVE POSIT TO KING IS AHEN HE GETS THERE  
BY THE WAY PLS DROPS XXX TO HOURLY NOW

OK WILL DO TKS WILL ON PASS VKNH

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DETRESFA ROUGH RUNNING MOTOR. OVERDUE ON ETA AMKI  
NGT VMC. VH DSJ. C182 PVT ATD 0819 AMMB CTY AMKI EET 69 ENDCE 300  
BC VR HN. POB ONE VALENTICH SAS LX. LR 0915 AMNL FS 125.9  
PX CTY 0900 D050 VISUAL. BLUE BODY WHITE STRIPE WHITE TAIL  
ETA AMKI 0928

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM  TO SOC MGRB

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO. 03 33 92476

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF  
1372 393-471

CO-ORDINATOR

VJD

TEXT: advised Soc of ships which reported  
their front.Rgr. also reported UFO above him, then rough running  
engine as afterthought.Soc's EST front 5-10 nm NW of Cape Blakham  
at 0915ZRequested we ask local fishing boats operating  
in area if anything seen or heard.

Rgr

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MELBSAR AA31591

VKNH 3902S 14416.5E CO 277 SPEED 12 KNOTS *Raney Heath*

VJMV 40.08S 146.02E CSE 328 16 KTS 1000Z BRYBANETRADER

VMBD 3909S 14542E 102 T 10.5 KTS AT 1000Z *Iron Whalla*

VKGH 211000Z 40.14S 146.43E CSE 023 T 13.8 KTS *Gothik*

VLKG 211000Z 37.51S 140.02E CO 144 SPEED 16 KTS CCN TIME 210930Z *Iron monarch*

MNY TKS WILL ADVISE SOC MELBOURNE AND DECIDE NEXT ACTION X  
UOK OK MANI TKS CUL

VKNH MAY PROCEED TO A POSITION ON THE LINE CAPE OTWAY TO KING ISLAND AND WHEN SHE REACHES THERE IF U WILL ASK HER TO ADVISE US WE MAY HAVE SUM EMPLOYMENT FOR HER IF SHE IS WILLING

OK WILL TELL EM TO LET US KNOW WHEN I N QTH

TKS OM CULTR#  
MELBSAR AA31591  
ACSC AA62553



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## MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM  SOL AMNL

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF:

CO-ORDINATOR

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VJD

Manly still in close to Cape Otway  
TEXT: then south to Cape Wickham.  
As probably overlaid north tip  
of King Island & unlikely to  
have turned back.

In that case we might wait a while  
before diverting Manly Heath.

Yes agreed

Told him XXX broadcast thru VIM.

Iks.

MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE

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GE OM DE ACSC XXX MSG COMING ABOUT LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING ISLAND BELIEVE NANCYHEATH/VKNH MAY BE IN VIVINITY X CAN U GIVE HER A CALL AND ASK FOR POSIT AND IF ANYTHING HEARD OF AIRCRAFT EN ROUTE CAPE OTWAY TO KING ISLAND

SEC AVE CALLED VKNH OR WILL CALL U BAK ALSO WILL DELAY MY OCEAN FCAST TILL U U CUM UP

MNY TKS OM

SEC VKNH NOW

QTH EXACTLY CENTRED ABEAM PORT PHILLIP BAY

~~BESTKS~~ HAVE U GOT THE XXX

YES SEC

BROADCAST HOURLY ?

HALF HOURLY

OK TKS CUL

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MARSAR 78/1205 LIGHT AIRCRAFT OVERDUE KING IS.

1. VIM PLS BCAST FOLLOWING URGENCY MESSAGE RTG/RTF ON RECEIPT AND HALF HOURLY UFN

2. X X X AUSTRALIA SOUTH COAST CHART AUS422 SINGLE ENGINED LIGHT AIRCRAFT ENROUTE CAPE OTWAY TO KING ISLAND NOW OVERDUE AT KING ISLAND. ONE PERSON ONBOARD

SHIPS IN AREA ARE REQUESTED TO PASS POSITION COURSE AND SPEED AND MAKE HEARING OR SIGHTING REPORTS

ACSC CANBERRA

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MARINE OPERATIONS CENTRE TELEPHONE MESSAGE

FROM/TO ATC Ops Melb

AUTHORITY

TEL. NO.

MARSAR NO.

TAPE REF.

CO-ORDINATOR

13/2 363 - 386

VJ

TEXT: Distress Phase on Lt Ape Bendue  
to King Islands  
King Island + Cape Otway

Single Eng C182 VH-DSJ  
KI via Cape Otway - rough weather  
motor due KI 0928 ~~28~~  
1 P.O.B